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## OPA: Buckingham shield was a coordinated effort



Escorted by Corrections officers and court marshals, Commonwealth Ports Authority's police chief Jordan Kosam enters the courtroom followed by Police Capt. Jermaine W. Nekaifes, and CPA's Capt. Juan Rebuenog (partly hidden) during a hearing yesterday in Superior Court.

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The Office of the Public Auditor disclosed yesterday that its investigation has uncovered evidence indicating a coordinated effort by several persons, including former governor Benigno R. Fitial and Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio

» Sources: Arrest warrants also issued for Ogumoro, Buckingham

Ogumoro, to shield former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham from being served a penal summons in August last year.

Aside from Fitial and Ogumoro, OPA said the other persons involved were Police Capt. Jermaine W. Nekaifes, Commonwealth Ports Authority police chief Jordan Kosam, CPA's Capt. Juan Rebuenog, and police officers Stanley Patris and Myron Laniyo.

Sources disclosed yesterday that the Superior

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## 'Moving on but still of help to the islands'

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REPORTER

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on Feb. 1 as U.S. Interior assistant secretary for insular affairs, Anthony "Tony" M. Babauta said yesterday that although he's in private sector now—working with Washington, D.C.-based Crane & Crane Consulting LLC—he will still be of help to island territories he cared for in his almost 20 years in public service.



Babauta

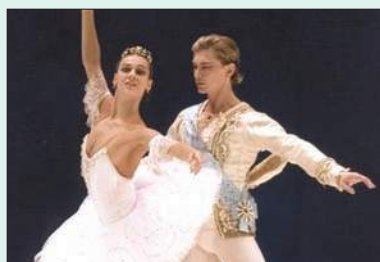
awards of grants to Guam and alleged misuse of travel funds.

"I don't feel like I've done anything wrong," Babauta told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview yesterday afternoon.

He said he has thought of the decisions he made about grants while he was still in office.

"I'm comfortable with defending the process and the final decision them-

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## Tax amnesty up to 2017 instead of raising taxes

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Saying that a tax amnesty program is the "most cost-effective" way for the government to collect tax revenue during difficult economic times and one that is "better than writing off" debts to the government, Rep. Tony Sablan

(IR-Saipan) and three other House members are pushing for an amnesty period that will be in effect until Jan. 1, 2017.

» Movers say this is most 'cost-effective' to collect during tough times

Sablan, in an interview yesterday, said he considers this tax amnesty proposal a "revenue-generating bill."

"We're not trying to increase taxes,"  
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## Atalig, Crisostimo win NMI-wide geography bee

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Two students from Rota and Tinian are the top winners in this year's Public School System Geography Bee and will advance to the statewide competition against counterparts in the Pacific region.

Jacelynn Atalig and Craig Crisostimo



Atalig



Crisostimo

Atalig. She is the second eldest among  
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## Local

## Senate poised to confirm associate justice, public defender nominees today

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The Senate is poised to confirm today the former governor's nominations of both Superior Court Associate Judge Perry B. Inos to serve as associate justice of the NMI Supreme Court and Assistant Public Defender Douglas Hartig to serve as the new public defender, after a committee that held two separate public hearings yesterday received dozens of oral and written testimony strongly supporting the nominations.

This morning's Senate session agenda contains only two items—the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigation's two reports on Inos' and Hartig's appointments.

If confirmed by the Senate, Inos will fill the vacancy that resulted in the elevation of then associate justice Alexandro Castro to the position of chief justice.

Castro, the first to testify yesterday in support of Inos' nomination, said the latter approaches cases with a keen attention to detail, leaving no stone unturned to ensure that cases are decided justly and fairly.

"Judge Inos acts with conviction while remaining respectful to his fellow judges and justices, as well as those appearing before this court," Castro said in his written testimony addressed to Senate EAGI Committee chair Sen. Frank Q. Cruz (R-Tinian).

Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo, Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas, Deputy At-

torney General Viola Alepuyo, Saipan Municipal Council chair R.B. Camacho, attorney Ray Quichocho, former speaker and Public Lands secretary Oscar M. Babauta, Felipe Atalig, and Ike Cabrera also testified in favor of the associate justice nominee.

Thomas J. Camacho, the governor's special assistant for public transportation, introduced Inos on behalf of the administration.

During a separate public hearing in the afternoon, the Senate EAGI Committee received testimony on the nomination of Hartig as public defender. All testimonies by public defenders Matt Meyer and Daniel Guidotti, Laurie Peterka, Maria Quitugua Babauta, and attorneys Ray Quichocho and Janet King urged the Senate panel to recommend Hartig's confirmation.

Only Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), who chairs the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee, asked Hartig about the challenges faced by the Public Defender's Office.

Hartig said it is the "budget situation" but that his office makes do with the limited resources available to it. Hartig has been assistant public defender on Saipan since 1999.

The Public Defender's Office, which defends indigent clients facing criminal charges, does not even have a vehicle of its own because of limited funds. It only has four assistant public defenders from seven a few years back.

All the other senators, meanwhile, mostly lauded Hartig for accepting the nomination and pledged their support.

## 2 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged the beaches fronting the Central Repair Shop and Hyatt Regency Saipan and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations had

excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

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## Hospital acquires new dishwasher; unit now operational

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One of the key equipment the Commonwealth Health Center needed to address the remaining citations from the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services finally arrived and is now fully functional.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Juan N. Babauta told *Saipan Tribune* that the malfunctioning dishwasher at the hospital's dietary unit has already been replaced with the shipment of a new unit from a Pennsylvania manufacturer.

This latest progress was relayed to Babauta by clinical dietician and food service manager Kate Campbell last Friday.

The lack of a functioning dishwasher was among the requirements that needed to be addressed to lift the immediate jeopardy status imposed on CHC by Medicare last year. Due to the lengthy shipping time, the equipment arrived only some three weeks ago.

The new dishwasher was procured through Wan Koo company and was manufactured in Pennsylvania. Although the corporation did not "physically and logistically" meet the Dec. 3 deadline for the new dishwasher, Babauta said they provided Medicare with evidence that the new equipment has already been paid for.

The unit was originally expected to be delivered on Feb. 9. It cost over \$60,000.

Corporation officials earlier disclosed that it spent more than \$2 million to address the CMMS citations, including the procurement of several medical tools and equipment such

as a CT scan, defibrillators, and other improvements.

The CHCC plan of correction was accepted by the CMMS on Jan. 7, the first time in years that the report has been accepted. As

a result, a potential termination of the hospital's certification with CMMS was avoided.

Hospital services director Karen Buettner, during the board's last meeting, reported that the next CMMS survey will include a review of everything within the facility.

She reported to the board that a substantial amount of work remains to be done to maintain the momentum gained from the assistance of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, which will soon leave the hospital.

Among these are constant

reminders to staff on changes made; ongoing education and training for all new policies; continue to facilitate committee meetings; encourage and acknowledge all small gains; and constant communication to everyone about any changes across the corporation.



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## Federal fishery managers to convene in American Samoa

**HONOLULU**—The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will convene its 156th meeting next week at the Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei) in Pago Pago, American Samoa.

Sam Rauch, NOAA acting assistant administrator for Fisheries, will be attending the meeting.

The Council meeting will open with a traditional ‘ava ceremony, presented by the Office of Samoan Affairs. The ‘ava ceremony is one of the most important customs of the Samoa Islands involving a solemn ritual where a ceremonial beverage is shared to mark most important occasions in

Samoa society.

The Council is responsible for providing the U.S. Secretary of Commerce with recommendations for federally managed fisheries in Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the remote U.S. Pacific Island areas.

## TAX

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but we want a program in place where in Finance can work with individuals owing prior taxes from prior years and see what they can do to entice these people to come forward and work out payment schedules so we can start collecting,” Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said last night that the administration “will need to examine the merits of this bill in order to quantify the success of the previous rounds of amnesty and the CNMI’s ability to do another round of the program.”

In the last few years, the Fitial administration had been saying it does not plan to implement a tax amnesty similar to those in 2001 and 2005.

Sablan said once the measure is formally introduced today, the movers will work closely with the Division of Revenue and Taxation to see whether they can estimate the amount that can

be generated by this proposed third amnesty program. The last time it was done was during the administration of former governor Juan N. Babauta.

“I believe this is better than writing off debts to the government. I believe this is one way to try to bring in money without having to raise taxes,” Sablan said.

Three other House members are sponsoring the proposal, including Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan).

The government has “at least” \$12 million to \$30 million in uncollected taxes based on the Executive Branch’s previous statements to the media.

Sablan said the previous program was highly successful, although he said not all eligible persons and entities took advantage of the law, Public Law 14-28. The first one was implemented through Public Law 12-51.

A former immigration director, Sablan said many delinquent taxpayers would welcome another opportunity to pay their taxes under an amnesty law.

If and when such new proposal be-

comes law, taxpayers will be allowed to pay their delinquent taxes without penalties and interest, with certain exceptions.

Sablan’s proposal also waives the penalty for failure to obtain a business license.

Covered under the proposal are all taxes, including withholding taxes and all returns, including deductions, exemptions, credits erroneously claimed in returns filed for all tax years prior to calendar year 2013.

These include taxes for wages, salary or earnings; gross revenue tax; room, bar and jackpot tax; excise tax; and income and/or tax pursuant to NMTIT.

There are exceptions, however. Exempted is any person against whom a criminal or civil action has been initiated and is pending for any violation of the tax laws of the CNMI or any person being investigated for fraud; any person convicted of tax fraud; any person whose source of income is illegal; and any person who fraudulently files a special return under this Act.

According to his principal, Dionne Santos, this is Crisostimo’s second time to qualify to the regional level. He has been participating in—and topping—the school-level geography bee competitions since fourth grade.

According to Santos, Crisostimo has consistently received academic awards for achieving proficiency across all content areas, good citizenship, and perfect attendance. He is also an excellent model for other students.

PSS assessment coordinator Rey Tigilau said that Atalig and Crisostimo will be competing with other geography bee winners from the Pacific is-

lands, including Guam and American Samoa, at the regionals. If they make it through, they will be the region’s representative to the National Geography Bee in Washington, D.C. in May.

Tigilau said all regional contenders will simultaneously take the examination prepared by the National Geographic Society on April 5 at their respective schools. Whoever gets the highest score will advance to the nationals.

CNMI private and public schools had their school-wide geography bee in December. The top winners of individual schools are the participants in the CNMI-wide competition.

buenog. Nekaifes and Kosam told the court that they are going to hire their own lawyers.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman reduced the \$25,000 cash bail he earlier imposed on each of the three defendants to only \$500 cash and \$4,500 unsecured bond. The judge required the three to surrender their passports to the court.

Arraignment will be on March 18.

OPA legal counsel George Hasselback said they will formally file charges against Nekaifes, Kosam, and Rebuenog in the next few days.

To explain why it took so long to file the charges, OPA legal counsel George Hasselback said the case is a complicated one and involves a lot of individuals.

“And to be frank, it involves law enforcers,” said Hasselback, adding that a case of this importance should not be rushed.

“It’s a well executed investigation,” he added.

### Call logs

In his affidavit to support the arrest warrants, OPA chief investigator Juan M. Santos said he reviewed call logs and text messages from the cell phones of Ogumoro, Nekaifes, Kosam, Buckingham, and Fitial.

Those logs, Santos said, indicate that during the late afternoon and on the night of Aug. 3, 2012, and the early

morning of Aug. 4, 2012, Ogumoro’s cell phone made and received several calls from Buckingham’s cell phone.

Santos said that Ogumoro’s cell phone also received at least one call from Nekaifes’ cell phone.

He said that Ogumoro’s cell phone was also used to make and receive several calls from Fitial’s cell phone.

Santos said that Nekaifes was aware of the existence of the summons for Buckingham as shown by Kosam’s testimony during Fitial’s impeachment proceedings.

Santos said that Kosam had received a phone call from Nekaifes asking for his help in escorting Buckingham as persons may attempt to serve Buckingham with the summons.

Furthermore, Santos said, Nekaifes coordinated the escort and security services to be provided for Buckingham and his wife.

Santos said that Nekaifes and Ogumoro made arrangements with Kosam and Fitial to help Buckingham evade and avoid the service of the summons.

Kosam was also aware of the penal summons to be served upon Buckingham, Santos said.

He said that Kosam, together with Ogumoro and Rebuenog, coordinated and facilitated the movement of Buckingham and his wife within the airport on the night of Aug. 3, 2012, and in the

Among the key issues the Council will address are the following:

■ **American Samoa South Pacific Albacore:** The current catch is at about 95 percent of maximum sustainable yield. The catch per unit effort is in a long-term decline. There is concern about potential risk of overfishing and about the economic viability of the albacore fisheries in American Samoa and neighboring countries.

■ **False Killer Whale Assessments:**

## MOVING

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selves, whether they be grants or my travel,” he said.

Babauta was among the highest ranking native Pacific Islander serving in the U.S. government. His office has oversight over U.S. insular areas such as the CNMI, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.

When asked whether he would still want to see the results of the investigation if it was completed, Babauta said, “I’ve closed the chapter on that part of my professional life now... I think there was a good working relationship I established with all areas under my jurisdiction. I think that people were responsive to the agenda that I put forward and the communities rallied behind these things to make them successful so I’m very pleased with the time that I had in office. And I am proud of the work that we did.”

Babauta met briefly yesterday morning with Gov. Eloy S. Inos. He said it was a chance to personally congratulate the new governor.

“I told him that if there’s anything that I can do for him, we’re friends as well, don’t hesitate to pick up the phone or write emails. I’m happy to help if he just wants to bounce ideas around as well,” Babauta said.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said last night that Babauta is visiting with family and friends in the CNMI and sought an opportunity to exchange

Under current guidelines and approaches, the Hawai’i deep-set longline fishery for tuna can interact with only two false killer whales before it is restricted from the southern exclusion zone, an area encompassing 112,575 square nautical miles. This is in addition to the year-round longline exclusion zone from 0 to 50 or 0 to 75 nautical miles around the main Hawaiian Islands. The longline fishery has had one interaction with FKW this year.

pleasantries with the new governor.

“There was no discussion whatsoever on the matter of professional services with any firm that Mr. Babauta is engaged with,” Demapan said.

Babauta thanked CNMI leaders, including Inos and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), for their support while he was still in office and even during the investigation process.

“Part of my trip out here is touching base with people that have reached out to me but I’m doing it from my position in the private sector now and talking to them and see if I can help them or if there are opportunities that exist between the two of us,” he said.

He said there’s a “level of comfort” at least with the people who have reached out to him, that he has vast knowledge of island issues and “what occurs in D.C. and to try to navigate that landscape if that’s needed.”

Babauta said he will be back to his hometown of Guam and be back to public service in the next few years.

“I certainly have a desire to return home to my home island of Guam and I have people in my past that have helped guide me and mentor me like Madeleine Bordallo, Robert Underwood, Ricky Bordallo, Carl Gutierrez, Elizabeth Arriola. All of them helped me when I was a younger man. They helped me appreciate the value of public service and look at different ways to help improve the community and I certainly have that desire to do that when I return home,” he added.

The Obama administration affirmed last week its commitment to retain the position vacated by Babauta.

that the only extent DPS got involved was to provide full cooperation into their inquiries of the department’s involvement or the activities that were carried out by DPS personnel.

“The other form of cooperation that we tendered to them was of course in providing assistance that led to the apprehension of the three individuals,” he said.

In the case of Nekaifes, Deleon Guerrero said it is his understanding that Nekaifes is not a DPS police captain but was a CPA police captain.

Deleon Guerrero said he reviewed the records and found out that Nekaifes’ actual title with DPS is not police captain but governor’s chauffeur.

The commissioner stated that during the arrest, a police captain’s badge and a service firearm were confiscated from Nekaifes.

Deleon Guerrero said that Ogumoro left for Canada Tuesday morning and is expected to be back on March 17.

Deleon Guerrero said Ogumoro was supposed to travel to Canada with the fire chief Tom Manglona to inspect a rescue boat and determine whether it meets compliance requirements.

“This is the reason for selecting him and chief Manglona because...they are much more familiar as to what the requirements are in terms as to the type of boat that they’re supposed to purchase, etc.,” he said.

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Court also issued an arrest warrant for Ogumoro and Buckingham. Ogumoro is reportedly in Canada for an official trip, while Buckingham, now deemed a fugitive, is currently in the U.S. mainland.

It was not clear yet whether an arrest warrant was also issued against Fitial. OPA legal counsel George Hasselback refused to comment when asked if Fitial, Ogumoro, and Buckingham are the subject of arrest warrants.

### Initial appearance

Nekaifes, Kosam, and Rebuenog, who were arrested during a joint operation by DPS and OPA Wednesday night, were brought to Superior Court yesterday morning for their initial appearance.

Nekaifes, Kosam, and Rebuenog were arrested on charges of conspiracy to commit theft of services, conspiracy to commit obstructing justice, interference with law enforcement officer or witness, theft of services, misconduct in public office, and interference with service of process.

Kosam was also arrested on a charge of tampering with judicial records or process.

Attorney Matthew Holley appeared for a limited hearing as counsel for Re-



# Aniceto Ogumoro removed as police director

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Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero has removed Aniceto Ogumoro as police director and

appointed Capt. Pete Leon Guerrero as police operations commander.

Deleon Guerrero disclosed

» **Capt. Leon Guerrero tapped as police operations commander**

DPS Boating Safety Program a couple of weeks ago and that he

yesterday that he assigned police director Ogumoro to the

tapped Leon Guerrero last week to serve as police operations commander.

The commissioner said that Ogumoro is currently the boating law administrator for the CNMI, a position that was des-

igned to him by then governor Benigno R. Fitial.

The police director position is now vacant, Deleon Guerrero said.

He said the reshuffle has to do with making sure that there are no obstructions to the ongoing investigations being carried out by the Office of the

Public Auditor.

"That in essence has assisted us quite a great deal in terms of making sure that full cooperation is facilitated," the commissioner said.

Aniceto Ogumoro's brother, Ambrosio Ogumoro, is still the DPS deputy commissioner.

## Policy evaluation on honorary regents underway

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The Board of Regents of the Northern Marianas College will be evaluating its policy on the appointment of honorary members before it decides whether to remove or retain current honorary regents.

Board chair Juan T. Lizama told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the move comes in the wake of recommendation by the Accrediting Commission for Colleges and Junior Colleges to revisit the policy.

The commission had pointed out that the existence of honorary regents suggests that the college council does not truly act as the advisory group to the president.

Honorary regents sit on the board and regularly engage in direct discussions related to policy issues during board meetings. The commission said this

practice violates accreditation standards, which require board independence. It was learned that this has been an ongoing concern by the commission but was never addressed by NMC, which remains under a severe show-cause status.

"As part of the college's response to the show-cause order issued by the ACCJC, NMC will be evaluating its institutional governance and decision making processes. This includes the policy on having honorary regents on the NMC Board of Regents," said Lizama.

He said it is important that all college constituents participate in and have a "meaningful voice" in decisions that directly affect them.

"This is achieved through representation in governance groups and through other avenues. One of the ways that the college has embraced inclusiveness in its governance structure

is to include representatives from the faculty, staff, and students on the college's management team," said Lizama.

"As recommended by the commission, we will be evaluating the board's policy on honorary regents and identifying ways that can address the commission's concerns," he added.

According to Lizama, the board takes the findings outlined by the commission "very

seriously" and they will continue working on resolving the recommendations that specifically point to areas of weaknesses that the college must improve upon.

"Our goal is to work together with [NMC president Sharon Hart, Ph.D.] to come into compliance with all accreditation standards. The board understands that time is of the essence to correct these deficiencies," Lizama added.

The ACCJC ordered NMC to submit by Oct. 15 two reports

outlining the steps it has taken to address the commission's concerns. These reports will be followed by a visit of commission representatives.

NMC remains accredited during the show-cause period.

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# Flame Tree committee seeks sponsors, govt support

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture and the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival Committee is seeking corporate and individual sponsors to support the biggest outdoor arts event in the CNMI this April.

The council, through the committee, has partnered with numerous businesses for the annual festival that celebrates traditional and contemporary artists and showcases live performances, art demonstrations, and festival fares for the public to enjoy.

The festival, slated for April 19 to 21 at the Civic Center

Beach Park in Susupe, serves as a good avenue to market one's business or group.

"We look forward to the patronage of our previous sponsors and we are hoping to get new ones this year," said Angel S. Hocog, CCAC executive director.

Hocog said interested businesses and individuals have a variety of sponsorship opportunities to choose from, from traditional sponsorship packages to souvenir program advertisements.

Sponsorship packages available this year are "Exclusive," the highest level of sponsorship given to companies that provide monetary or in-kind donations worth \$10,000 or

more; "Pacifica" for sponsorships worth between \$5,000 and \$9,999; "Micronesia" for sponsorships worth between \$2,001 and \$4,999; and "Isla" for sponsorships worth between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

For the first time this year, Hocog said the committee is offering advertising space for companies, organizations, and private individuals who want to be featured in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival souvenir program, which will be distributed to dignitaries, special guests, and the public.

Advertisement rates for the souvenir program are as follows: \$250 for a full page, full color ad; \$125 for a half page, full color ad; \$90 for a

1/8 page, full color ad; and \$50 for a 1/16 page, black and white ad.

Solicitation and budget committee chair Erica Trinidad revealed that 10 companies have already placed ads but slots are still open for other interested advertisers.

"The fees we get from the souvenir program advertisements, along with the registration fees, would provide additional funding to help make the Flame Tree Arts Festival take place this year," said Trinidad.

Hocog noted that all sponsors and advertisers will receive fitting recognition, depending on their level of support.

"We are eager to discuss

these sponsorship opportunities to anyone interested in partnering up with the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival Committee," he added.

## Government support

The committee, Hocog said, is also asking for the support of the local government in making this year's festivities a memorable one for both residents and guests.

Hocog is expected to meet with lawmakers to ask for funding appropriation to be used on top of the solicitations to be secured by the committee.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, in a separate interview, said the Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival is an event embraced by both

community members and off-island guests "and we need to do what we could to have a proper celebration, especially when regional jurisdictions are willing to participate."

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival is expected to accommodate delegations from Kiribati and Chuuk.

"We'll make sure the community will not be disappointed. The government stands ready to support the event, with consideration for its current financial situation," Inos told *Saipan Tribune*.

To become a sponsor or for more information, visit the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture in Capital Hill next to the post office or call 322-9982 or 83.



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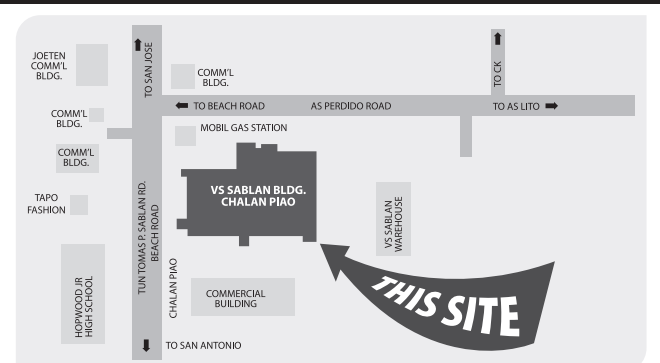


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## Aldan family cleanup today

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The Aldan family has adopted this area under the Adopt A Place program with the office of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council.

Motorists are urged to be cautious when driving through the Sadog Tasi area and to keep an eye out for the volunteers. (PR)

## Kilili bill seeks to extend federal protections to territorial elections

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) re-introduced yesterday legislation providing the full protection of federal election law to the Northern Marianas and other U.S. insular areas.

"The people of the Northern Marianas deserve to have their elections protected by the same laws that safeguard elections and voters everywhere in our nation," Sablan said. "Voters in the Marianas deserve to be protected from intimidation, threats, or coercion, when they cast their ballots in elections. And voters deserve to know that elections for federal office will not be manipu-

lated by public officials. My legislation would extend those federal laws that provide these protections."

Among the six amendments to federal law in Sablan's bill is the inclusion of the Northern Marianas in the prohibition against aliens voting. A fine and imprisonment up to one year are the penalties for violating this federal law.

Sablan's measure also makes sure that persons employed in federal or territorial government offices are barred from using their official authority to interfere with the nomination or election process for federal office. The penalty for

violation is a fine or up to one year in prison.

The same bill was previously introduced in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress, but no action was taken by the House committees on the Judiciary and House Administration, to which it was referred.

In this Congress there may be heightened interest in amending federal election laws. Sablan is an original cosponsor of the Voter Empowerment Act, H.R. 12, which has significant support. President Obama also raised concerns about the voting process in his State of the Union address in February. (PR)

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Mar. 8, 2004

### Governor tells 'stateless' children to register ASAP

Gov. Juan N. Babauta is calling on all "stateless" children to register and submit necessary documents for submission to the U.S. Congress. Babauta said his office will soon put out public notices in the newspapers, informing concerned individuals about the registration process. "I will make a publication [of this] to ask all those considered 'stateless' to step forward and be counted," he said. Afterwards, he said, a meeting will be set to get an accurate listing of pertinent information from each concerned individual. Information would include their date of birth, parents' nationality, and the like.

### PSS still has concerns on Education Initiative

The Public School System has "administrative and legal concerns" regarding the Babauta administration's Education Initiative, according to Board of Education chairman Roman C. Benavente. He, however, declined to give details pending further discussion with education commissioner Rita H. Inos. He said these are "new" concerns over the governor's education grants. The previous BOE leadership and the PSS had cited "gray areas" in the initiative, which includes the creation of a teacher board that administers and awards grants to teachers and schools, apart from PSS. The PSS had also cited the lack of guidelines in implementing the grant programs, such as the Performance Improvement Grants for teachers.

Mar. 8, 2006

### 'Immigration in dire need of improvements'

Micromanagement by the Attorney General's Office and the Division of Immigration's lack of control over related offices are seen as major factors contributing to the inefficient processing of alien permits. The Transition Committee, which assessed the division before Fitial administration took office, noted that Immigration was in dire need of improvement in such areas as work assignments, staffing, facilities, and resources. "The management style of 'robbing Peter to pay Paul' is prevalent in all levels of management connected to the Division of Immigration. This style leads to insufficient staffing, backlogs, disruptive processing, and it negatively affects morale. Inconsistent application of employee policies and processing authorities and procedures negatively affect employee morale. Micromanagement by the AGO and its staff members has been the prevailing mode of operation," read a portion of the transition report on Immigration.

### 'Labor does not favor retroactive renewal'

As a general rule, the Department of Labor does not favor allowing workers to engage in "retroactive" renewal, according to Labor hearing officer Jerry Cody. Cody, however, said that, in the case of Jin Joo Corp. and employee Beong Gwen Cho, the department has been lenient and agreed not to oppose the renewal for Cho, provided that a sanction is paid for the late filing. Cody said he agreed with the department's position and hold that the denial of Cho's work permit renewal should be reversed, provided that Jin Joo Corp. pays a monetary sanction for the late filing.

Mar. 8, 2007

### PSS issues highlight Chamber meeting

Commissioner of Education David M. Borja talked about the state of education in the Commonwealth during yesterday's Saipan Chamber of Commerce general meeting at the Hotel Nikko Saipan. Using a slide presentation, Borja first provided members a statistical profile of the Public School System. He said the CNMI's Head Start Program and the elementary level both have 12 schools. Junior high schools in the CNMI, meanwhile, number four, while the count for senior high schools are five.

### Group calls for redistribution of House seats

A group of local GOP members wants the seats in the House of Representatives reapportioned, saying the current distribution violates the "one man, one vote" rule. According to the Republican Party members from Precinct IV, the existing apportionment does not reflect the population size of the Saipan districts. They also argued that their precinct is under-represented while Precinct III is over-represented in the Lower House. Currently, Precincts I and III get six seats each, while Precincts II and IV get two seats each in the 18-member House. Rota and Tinian has one each.



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### EDITORIAL

## Hugo Chavez and his legacy of plunder

**H**ugo Chavez's folksy charm and forceful personality made him an extraordinary politician. His enviable ability to win a mass following allowed him to build a powerful political machine that kept him in office from February of 1999 until his death on Tuesday. But as a national leader, he was an abject failure who plunged Venezuela into a political and economic abyss.

Dead at 58, Chavez leaves behind a country in far worse condition than it was when he became president, its future clouded by rivals for succession in a constitutional crisis of his Bolivarian party's making and an economy in chaos.

A former paratrooper, Chavez had a radical vision for "21st Century Socialism," which was never fully explained. His skillful rhetoric, which filled supporters with utopian dreams, was used to justify the methodical destruction of Venezuela's democratic institutions and the free market.

Soon after coming to office, he rewrote the constitution to his liking and aggressively set out to rig elections and stifle adversaries in the legislative branch and the courts. Unable to brook criticism, he turned his fire on the independent news media, eventually silencing most voices of opposition by bully tactics and economic intimidation.

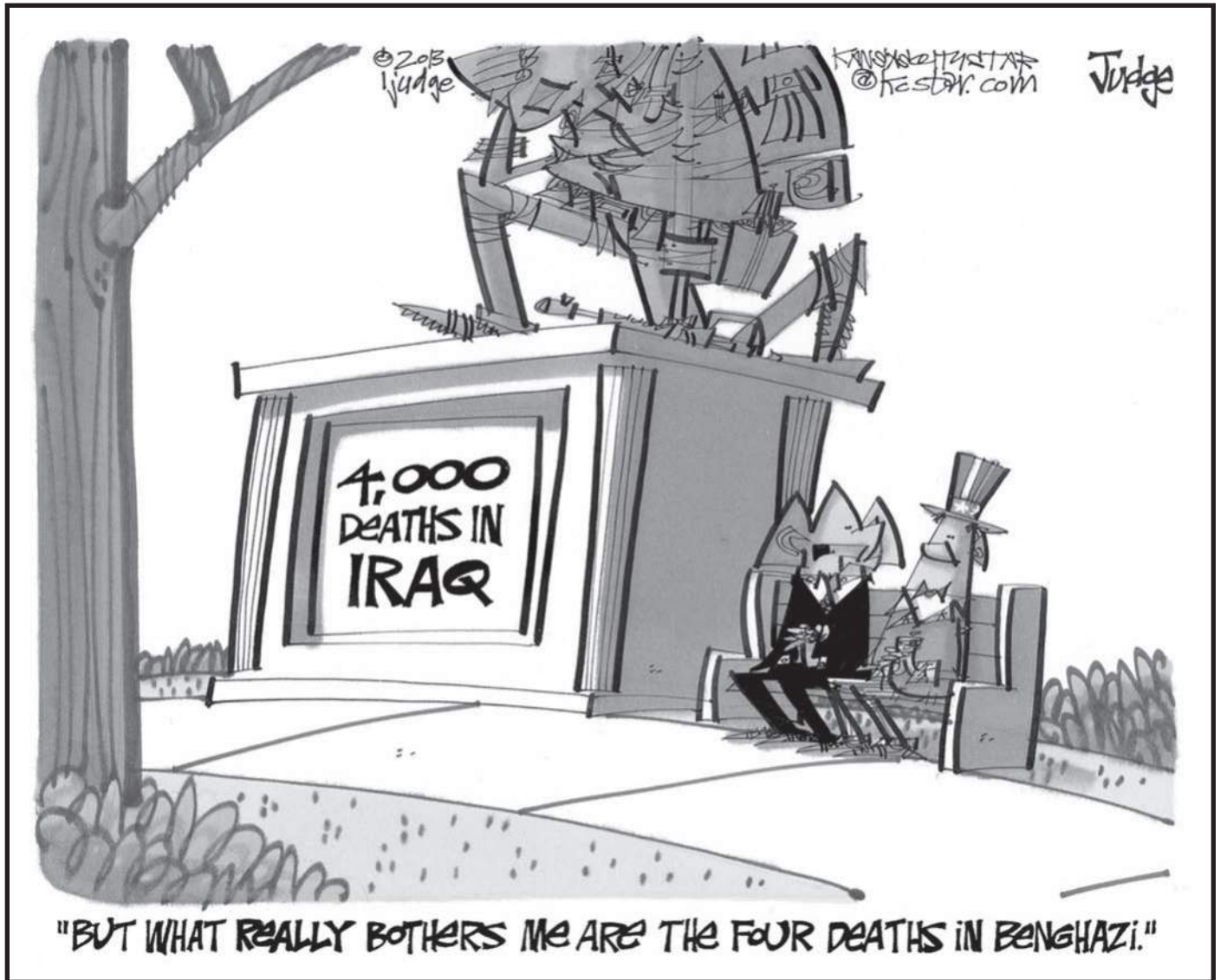
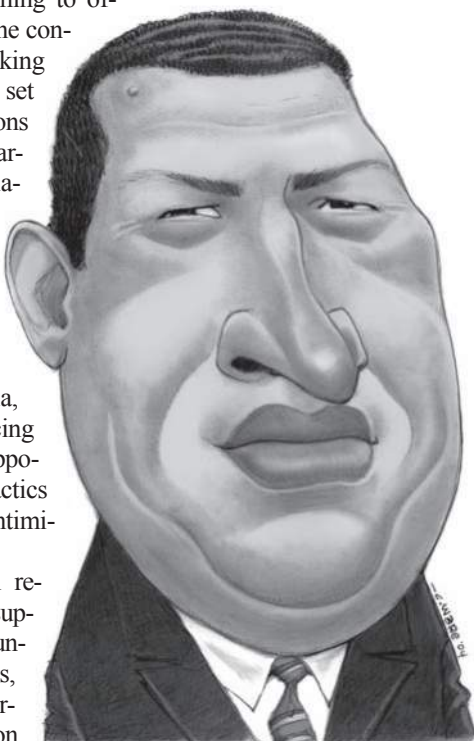
His Bolivarian regime rewarded supporters and punished opponents, giving rise to enormous corruption and the creation of a new class of greedy oligarchs with political connections. Unfortunately for Venezuela and for all his political skills, the president was both an incompetent executive and a worse economist.

In an energy-rich country that once knew no blackouts, electrical shortages are frequent, the result of Chavez's plundering of the country's public oil company. In a country that once enjoyed a thriving free market, prices are controlled and food items often scarce.

In recent weeks, while Chavez was hospitalized, Venezuela was once again forced to devalue its currency, this time by one-third. This was the inevitable outcome of a series of disastrous economic decisions that included nationalizing the telephone company and other utilities, which scared off foreign investors and spurred capital flight.

For Venezuelans, the worst aspect of the Chavez years was the soaring crime rate. Venezuela has become one of the most violent countries in the world, with nearly 20,000 murders re-

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## Entrepreneurs and operations

**S**ucceeding as an entrepreneur is an "evergreen" topic. It's always in season, in good times and in bad.

I've seen a lot of businesses come and go over the years on both sides of the Pacific. In many cases the entrepreneurs were friends of mine, and I'd contribute some marketing copy or number-crunching to their projects. In other cases, I knew the entrepreneurs but I didn't have any involvement in their action. And in yet other cases, there were multi-million dollar companies that I worked for while their entrepreneurial founders were still running things, so their small-scale origins were still heeded.

I'm not up for an elegantly organized analysis of the gig. But I'll serve some random thoughts from my beach chair while you help yourself to the cooler and serve yourself a cold one.

My context here is small startups, the sort of stuff that average people are tempted to try sometimes.

Of course, there are an infinite number of ways to slice an orange. I mentally slice most businesses into four categories: finance, operations, marketing, and everything else (legal, administrative, etc.).

Ideally, we would all be wizards at all of this stuff. Then again, ideally we'd all win the lotto and could retire. So the average entrepreneur isn't going to be a prodigy in all this stuff, or even interested in much of it.

If I had to pick one category where I've seen the successful entrepreneurs consistently excel, it's operations.

From what I've seen, a start-up can have so-so financial management, mediocre marketing, and lousy administrative practices, but if it can manage to be good at its actual operations, namely making its products and getting them to the marketplace, then at least it can get a foothold as a credible presence. After that, well, the other details are often pulled together on the fly.

"Operations" don't get much glamour these days. When's the last time you heard any buzz about the glories of operations? No, the buzz is about being a financial wizard or a marketing guru. Hey, there's nothing wrong with that, I've worked in finance and in marketing, and I'd be the last guy to underestimate their importance.

But I still think it's "operations" that do the heavy lifting. I like cars, so I'll ponder things in those terms. "Operations" are what converts the raw iron ore in the ground into the shiny SUV for sale in the showroom. Without that SUV sitting there, there wouldn't be anything to market in the first place. And without anything to market, financial management would be moot.

And that's the good news, since the average entrepreneur is probably oriented along operational lines anyway. A fisherman likes to fish; he's an expert. A house builder likes to build; it's what he does.

For example, I know a guy who owns a successful sandwich shop. He told me he started it because he didn't like his day job, and

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the one other thing he knew how to do was make sandwiches. So he lined up a bakery that made good bread, found a vendor that sold high-quality meat, and he opened up shop at a very busy intersection in the big city.

He didn't do a market survey to see if people liked pastrami. He didn't do a five-year financial forecast based on assumptions picked from the blue sky. No, he just opened up shop and concentrated on one thing: making sandwiches.

The shop is going strong. He used the cash flow to eventually shore things up with a little bit of well-targeted marketing, and he got someone to help him with the back-office chores.

Another example: I used to work for a guy who started out life as a fisherman. He wound up working his way up to being captain of the ship. Then he bought the ship. Then he bought another ship. And so on.

He wound up with an international empire. But no matter how big it got, this guy kept a constant eye on the operations; he never forgot that getting fish into the hands of his buyers was his entire reason for existence. He eventually had a whole slew of high-powered professionals in his camp, but the fish funded the professionals, not the other way around. Everybody was kept keenly aware of that fact.

I'm not cherry picking examples to prove a point; I'm mentioning examples that led me to this point to begin with. I don't have any philosophical stake in the gig.

Of course, we could cite counter-balancing examples, where, say, an entrepreneur with a flair for marketing strikes it rich after an idea goes "viral," even though the operations and product behind the gig are just so-so. Fair enough. All sorts of things happen for all sorts of reasons, and I'd never suggest otherwise.

Still, the vast majority of successful entrepreneurs I've known didn't have any magic formulas, any sophisticated insights, or even any brilliant ideas. They were simply hands-on people who worked a lot and who took risks.

That's what I've seen, anyway. It's not glamorous, but, well, there it is.



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## Toying with 'segregated' funds

**O**ccasionally, legislators would chance derailing use of DPL's "segregated" funds emanating from indigenous public land for purposes beyond constitutional mandate.

The latest is a proposal to secure hefty percentage of landing fees in Managaha for purposes it sees fit. Fine. But let's take a quick glimpse at why such a proposal is negligent and derelict rather than right.

Firstly, the CNMI Constitution provides how "segregated" funds are disposed of. It doesn't include settling such longstanding issues as land compensation nor for other purposes beyond the letter of pertinent constitutional provisions. This is further supported by a CNMI Supreme Court certified decision that knocks use of segregated funds beyond what's mandated under pertinent constitutional provisions.

Secondly, the budget for DPL isn't subject to any lengthy scholarly debate other than its submission being for "informational purposes only." This ought to send red flags to legislators that one can't fiddle around with segregated funds. Otherwise, the Legislature would have been given complete appropriation authority.

Thirdly, landing fees collected on Managaha become part of the "segregated" funds of DPL, its use limited to the maintenance of the island. The island is reserved for cultural enhancement purposes. It stands to reason that accrued landing fees can't be used for other purposes.

The Constitution prohibits it; the CNMI Supreme Court affirms constitutional parameters (I submitted a "certified question before I resigned). The court agrees with my view that "segregated" funds can't be spent on land compensation settlement and purposes beyond enhancement of indigenous culture.

It should also be clear, once and for all, that DPL is a *trustee* of indigenous public land, never the owner—real or perceived. Its disposition of funds is limited to its primary policy of homestead development. Nowhere in the Constitution does it grant the Legislature any authority whatsoever to chance derailing money that is rightfully the property of the indigenous people.

Understandably, the Three Grains of Rice syndrome has hit the CNMI so hard as to force people—even those with good inten-

tions—to chance toying with indigenous funds. No, sir! But let economic cataclysm be an opportunity for forging lasting policies that could spur economic growth. Fighting for a grain of rice is ludicrous.

Therefore, it is fitting that the proposal be pigeonholed so it doesn't become a laughingstock among those of us who have read, digested, and have come to understand how "segregated" funds are disposed of. Thinking that you understand it isn't a guarantee that in fact you have come to grasp the fundamental intent of pertinent constitutional provisions governing DPL's "segregated" funds. Please revisit pertinent constitutional provisions and be guided accordingly.

### Reviving a failed agency

There's also the proposal to revive the failed predecessor agency of DPL—the failed and infamous MPLA. But before you jump into creating another layer of government, revisit the issue and the genesis of DPL per Public Law 15-2.

Do we really need another layer of government at a time when revenue generation has gone Deep South? If there's only \$22 million left in the fiscal 2013 budget, obviously there's no more room to toy with items revolving around "nice to have" over "must have." The "must have" aspect has changed into frugal and prudent spending. It means implementing some sizeable spending cuts, like it or not.

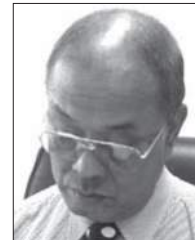
Experience: When I took charge of DPL, the agency quite famous for dishing hefty salaries that aren't necessarily commensurate with individual credentials. Would you believe MPLA paid annual salaries of \$55,000 to \$57,000 for secretaries without the requisite credentials and experience or directors who can't even write a complete sentence? Or board members who treated DPL funds like the family kitty, traveling at will, raking in hefty per diem for attending meetings on island for \$300 per session or some irrelevant conference outside the CNMI?

The land agency became the center of land grabs even by board members I thought I could trust. Nah! Some board members became beneficiaries of their own ill-fated or stealth decisions after terminating membership with the public land agency. Or how about political interference where land claimants are paid because of, yes, political connections, while the non-connected were never paid? Some siblings under the same claims were paid while others were skipped. Why is this? Why is it that a "few" were paid while the others were ignored? It revolves around the filthy swamp of political

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connection, no more, no less!

Where's fairness and justice? Why is it that some were given land by way of "land grant" under the guise of a nonexistent land exchange? In other words, they were issued public land illegally! Must we turn our heads the other way or must not this egregious decision be rescinded to protect innocent indigenous landowners? Whatever happened to integrity and the resolute fulfillment of fiduciary responsibility?

If anything, DPL requires people with integrity, maturity, and mindfulness, ones who understand fiduciary responsibilities. With this under his/her belt, the department head can deal with political interference in a straightforward fashion. Anything less than honesty (which begins with the self), you're in for some stormy term ahead. In short, it begins with a powerful sense of integrity and the requisite credentials to dispose of the task within the parameters of the Constitution.

### On land compensation

When a felony is committed against landowners—the taking of their property by relocating land monuments—it shows you had the intention to enlarge your land illegally. This ill decision came at the expense of both the other private landowners and indigenous public landowners. In other words, why must we now pay for the commission of a crime and must not the perpetrator be brought to court to answer for his egregious personal aggrandizement?

Too, DPL recently issued "land grants" to some folks under the veil of land exchange or use of non-existent waiver law. This too is illegal and must be rectified forthwith. It goes to show that the decision lacked fiduciary consideration. In other words, the last pit stop relates to fiduciary obligation: Is it in the best "interest" of the indigenous landowners? If not, given that it is illegal from the outset, why then was it carried out? Must we not rectify this deceitful decision immediately?

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corded in 2011 and a homicide rate that some experts say is four times greater than in the last year before Chavez took power.

On the international front, Chavez eagerly accepted Fidel Castro as his mentor, providing Cuba with cut-rate oil and making common cause with Iran and other rogue regimes. His departure leaves the anti-American front leaderless on a hemispheric level and could eventually threaten the subsidy that Cuba relies on to keep its economy barely functioning.

As a result of all this, Venezuela today is a polarized society divided between the intolerant supporters of Chavez's Bolivarian Revolution and a democratic opposition that, against all odds, has waged a courageous fight for a democratic alternative.

The president's death means a new election must be called soon. Under Hugo Chavez, the electoral machinery was stacked against the opposition and that will doubtless be the case again, but the United States and democracies throughout the hemisphere should insist on a fair and transparent electoral process to select the new president.

The Organization of American States, which was once seen as a defender of political and civil liberties in the hemisphere but has made itself largely irrelevant in recent years, could regain some of its stature by taking a prominent role in ensuring that the people of Venezuela can make the most of this opportunity to restore their democracy.

None of Chavez's would-be successors, including Nicolas Maduro, his vice president and designated political heir, possesses the fallen leader's forceful personality or political skill, though his popularity may extend beyond death to give the regime's official candidate an edge in the next election.

But without discarding "Bolivarian" principles and restoring the country's democratic institutions, no one will be able to stop the downward spiral of Venezuela that began the day Hugo Chavez was elected president.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Some modest proposals

Ever since Ben Fitial stepped down and moved out, there have been some pretty impressive changes around here. A lot of dirty laundry is at last being aired, and positive change is in the wind. This is an exciting time to live in the CNMI.

The major problem that lies before the government is, as it has always been, the lack of money. So much is owed to so many: to the Retirement Fund, to CUC, to the schools, the hospital, and many individuals. Even if a tycoon such as Warren Buffett were to give the Commonwealth a billion dollars, that would solve the problems short-term, but not in the long term. The money would eventually run out. Then what?

Governor Inos has stated his intention to reduce the size of the government. This is not only a good idea, it is long overdue. But the problem is if you lay off some non-essential employees, what are they going to do? I have a couple of ideas.

If the former employees are out of work, then give private sector employers a tax break to find jobs for these people. The more people they hire, the bigger the tax break. At any rate, some kind of tangible incentive will be needed for private businesses to hire some new people.

But that will only work for people with marketable skills. As we know, a lot of government employees got their jobs because of patronage—they were related to someone, or could ask Mr. Fitial for a favor. So some of them do not have the necessary skills to enter the private sector workforce.

This is where the Northern Marianas Trade Institute could be of enormous benefit to the community, and to the government. Instead

of laying the government employees off, provide a stipend, or a part-time job, while they learn a new skill or trade.

As well, many of the government employees might find a position at the NMTI as a teacher. This would do two things: it would expand the curriculum and provide a job for someone. Here are some of the former areas of study: construction, the hospitality industry, culinary arts, sewing, and building-related trades.

With some new instructors (including some former government employees), new courses might be offered in advertising, public relations, computer repair, computer programming, computer-assisted-design, aircraft maintenance, radio/TV broadcast maintenance, small appliance repair, and almost anything else you can think of. Because, as the Commonwealth embarks upon a new period of growth, skilled workers will be needed in every avenue of business and commerce. We are all standing on a new threshold now.

Perhaps the NMTI and NMC could work together, particularly in the area of languages and communications. Chinese tourists are starting to come to the Commonwealth in large numbers and, frankly, we need more people who speak Chinese, in all of the stores, restaurants, tourist spots, the hospital, and so on. The China Center, around the corner from Gold's Gym, could also be part of the educational mix. There are a lot of possibilities, and it might be wise for people in authority to explore them soon.

**Russ Mason**






Donni Springs, Saipan



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 76
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲ 88 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 79
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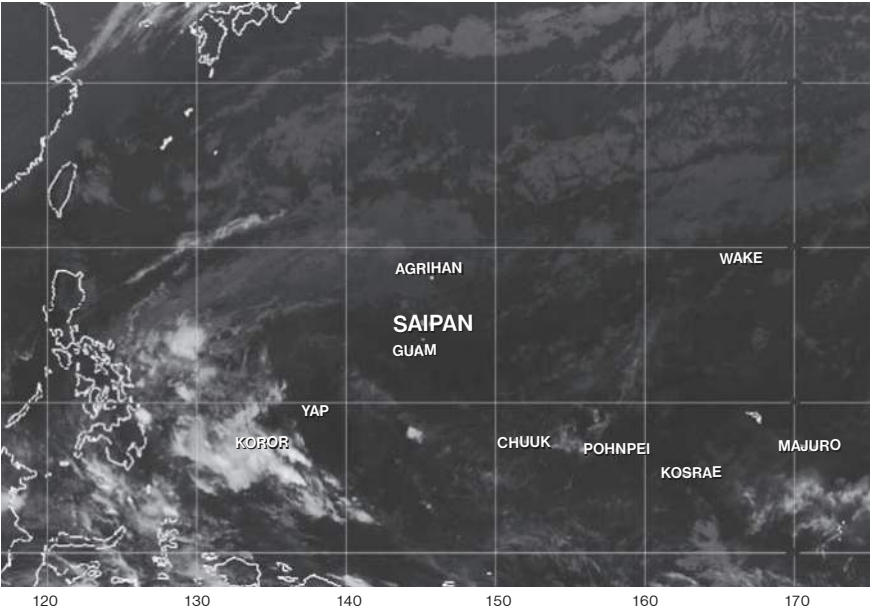
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London	Showers	▲ 52 ▼ 45
Los Angeles	Showers	▲ 57 ▼ 45
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89 ▼ 78
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 92 ▼ 67
Miami	Sunny	▲ 77 ▼ 56
New York	Ice	▲ 41 ▼ 31
Osaka	Sunny	▲ 65 ▼ 49
Paris	Showers	▲ 51 ▼ 45
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Rome	Rain	▲ 58 ▼ 53
Salem	Sunny	▲ 53 ▼ 34
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 56 ▼ 45
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲ 64 ▼ 34
Tokyo	Sunny	▲ 66 ▼ 47
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 48 ▼ 35

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
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11:11 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
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11:36 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front stretches southwestward from 25N174E to 19N160E then continues as a shear line that passes over the Northern Mariana Islands near Anatahan to beyond 130E at 13N. Low clouds and scattered showers are occurring along and up to 400 miles northwest of this boundary. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found on the western end of the shear line northwest of Koror to the west of line from 15N132E to 11N132E. A near-equatorial trough stretches southeastward from 4N130E to end south of Kosrae near EQ164E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found mainly south and west of Koror within 110 miles of a line from 9N130E to 5N137E. Scattered showers are located south of Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae within 60 miles of a line from 7N153E to 4N161E to EQ163E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

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<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>							
FRE 100	17:50	18:20	Daily				
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 100	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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## Russian, Japanese dancers to highlight ballet concert

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

Glushko's Academy of Arts is bringing in professional ballet dancers from Russia and Japan for the annual staging of the International Ballet of the Stars.

The event is slated for March 16 and 17 at the American Memorial Park Amphitheater. Doors open at 6:30pm, and the show runs from 7pm to 9pm.

"This concert, which meets all international standards, gives our local population the only chance to see world class ballet and to be a part of the global cultural community," said academy instructor Anna Glushko.

This year's show will feature the husband-and-wife tandem of Alexey Nasadovich and Margarita Rudina, two prima bal-

lerinas from Ekaterinburg, Russia who have performed a few times on island.

Nasadovich and Rudina will be accompanied by their daughter, who is now a student at the world-famous Vaganova Ballet Academy.

Next week's concert will also showcase prima ballerina Asami Takai of Osaa, Japan, who is performing on Saipan for the third time.

Three ballerinas, two junior students, and two ballet teachers, all from Vladivostok, Russia, will complete this year's power cast.

Glushko said the visiting performers will present the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Act of *Sleeping Beauty*, as well as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wedding

Act of *Don Quixote*, considered the most festive, energetic, and uplifting ballet of all times.

Tickets to the event cost \$15 per adult and \$10 for children 3 to 12 years old. They are being sold by parents of Glushko's Academy students, all Shell gas stations, Tropical Blendz Restaurant, Shenanigans Restaurant, Café by the Park, and Handbags etc.

According to Glushko, the academy is seeking more event sponsors, who will receive public recognition and complementary concert tickets in exchange for their support.

To become a sponsor or for more information, call 483-6271 or email glushkosacademy@yahoo.com.

## Rota lass needs help to attend JSA program

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

A high school student originally from Rota is asking for financial support from businesses and other generous individuals in the CNMI to pay for her expenses when she takes part in a special summer program in California.

Magdalena Ann Inos Mendiola, 17, is one of 250 students selected nationwide for the prestigious Junior Statesmen of America Summer School Program to be held at Stanford University from the end of July and throughout August.

After graduating from the Sinapalo Elementary School, Mendiola and her family moved to Salem, Oregon in 2007. She is currently a junior at South Salem High School.

Mendiola is the oldest of three children of Rodney Cabrera Mendiola and Christine Inos Mendiola. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Q. Inos (Julie), the late Magdalena Maratita Inos, Mr. and Mrs. Victorino and Alfra Mendiola, and Mr. Crispin Taitano.

The younger Mendiola was accepted into the prestigious program for her outstanding academic record and potential for leadership, according to her mother Christine Mendiola.

"Magdalena is not only a good student, she is also active in extra-curricular and community activities. She is in the International Baccalaureate Program in her high school and is in the French National Honor

Society. She has also been volunteering in a preschool for two years," said Christine Mendiola.

She said that Magdalena Mendiola, who hopes to study law and politics in college, will participate in nightly student debates on public policy issues, meet with high-level leaders from the government, business,

and media during the program.

But the promising lass needs to raise \$4,750 to pay for her travel, room and board, and other expenses.

Christine Mendiola, in a phone

interview, said Magdalena and the entire family are working hard to come up with the funds for the trip. While they plan to do hot lunches and car washes, Christine Mendiola noted that they only have "very little time" to raise the amount. They are now asking for the business community in the Northern Marianas to extend any help they can to allow Magdalena the opportunity of a lifetime.

"Magdalena is not only representing Oregon. If they ask her where she's from, she'll proudly say that she's from the CNMI," Christine Mendiola told *Saipan Tribune*.

Anyone wishing to make individual sponsorship may send a check to: Admissions Director, The Junior Statesmen Summer School, 800 S. Claremont St. Suite 202, San Mateo, CA 94402. Checks should be made payable to the Junior Statesmen Foundation and include a note that Magdalena Ann Inos Mendiola is the intended beneficiary.



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## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy birthday to Ayan-na and Naomi, who are celebrating their special day today! May God be with you both throughout the years as you grow. More blessings to come and God bless! We love you! Greetings come from your Matsumoto and Hernandez families.  
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



**FOR PRODUCING FAUDULENT ID'S****Miah sentenced to 21 months in prison**

Mohammad Jahangir Miah, 38, was sentenced yesterday in the

U.S. District Court for the NMI to 21 months in prison for the

production of fraudulent CNMI driver's licenses.

According to statement by Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, U.S.

**CDA board chief no plan to tender courtesy resignation**

By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**  
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REPORTER

Pedro I. Itibus, chairman of the Commonwealth Development Authority board, said he will not resign unless asked by newly installed Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

In an interview Wednesday, Itibus cited the impact to CDA if its board lack a quorum.

He said the board shapes the policies for CDA, an autonomous agency that provides loans to promote economic development in the Commonwealth.

"Without us, the agency

would just be nothing," Itibus told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that the board's function and its need to have a quorum is the reason behind the "staggered" appointments of its directors.

Appointed by former governor Benigno R. Fitial to the board, Itibus is now on his fifth board chairmanship after being re-elected last February.

Fitial resigned as governor on Feb. 20 and was replaced by then Lt. Gov. Inos. The new administration is currently evaluating the performances of Fitial's appointees and Cabinet members.

Members of the Commonwealth Ports Authority board separately tendered their courtesy resignations. Inos, however, declined to accept board chair Jose Lifofoi's resignation and is yet to act on the resignation letters of four other members of the CPA board.

Itibus noted that the members of the CDA board also constitute the board of the Northern Marianas Housing Corp., a subsidiary agency that serves as the key provider for housing, mortgage, and community development programs in the CNMI.

"If all of us [in the CDA/NMHC board] resign, what do you think would happen with the two agencies?" he asked.

Itibus revealed that no one among the CDA and NMHC boards have heard of any request from the governor if they would be asked to resign.

Without any directive from the governor's office, Itibus said the board will carry on with its function and mandate.

"If the governor asks me to submit my courtesy resignation, with all due respect I would," added Itibus.

Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the CNMI, Miah, a citizen of Bangladesh, was sentenced after pleading guilty to conspiracy to unlawfully produce and transfer identification document.

The charge stems from an indictment filed on Jan. 10, 2011, against Miah, William A. Hocog, Tahira Dolores S. Miah, Hongmei Sun, and Hui Qiang Yan. The other four defendants also pleaded guilty.

The sentencing is the result of a daylong hearing before Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona. In determining the sentence, Manglona considered Miah's criminal activities both in local and federal court. She also found that he had obstructed justice by not being

truthful to the U.S. Probation Office during the preparation of the presentence report. Manglona also concluded that Miah was an organizer of this criminal activity under the U.S. sentencing guidelines.

Miah was immediately remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service and will begin serving his 21-month sentence with credit for time served. He also was ordered to forfeit \$960.

The case was investigated by the Homeland Security Investigations Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was prosecuted by assistant U.S. attorney Stephen F. Leon Guerrero and assistant U.S. attorney Kirk W. Schuler. (USAO)

**NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**

for

**Marksmanship Training Academy**

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Marksmanship Training Academy is proposing to operate a shooting academy to teach proper and safe handling and maintenance of firearms. This use is classified as Outdoor, Amusement and is proposed to be situated on a portion of public land, #Tract 21-2 in Talofoto, Capitol Hill. This area is zoned as Rural.

**Date : March 21st, 2013, Thursday****Time : 5:00 pm****Place : Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd flr, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan**

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30pm, March 20, 2013. Written comments may also be submitted via email to [therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp](mailto:therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp), via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Saipan Zoning Law of 2008).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

**NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**

for

**Hong Ye Hardware**

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Hong Ye Hardware is proposing to operate a warehouse to store its materials & supplies. This use is classified as Warehousing & General Wholesaling and is proposed to be situated on lot 550 New-12 in San Antonio on Afetna Road. This area is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

**Date : March 21st, 2013 Thursday****Time : 5:00 pm****Place : Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd flr, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan**

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# Guam team wins bronze in Asia-Pacific JA competition

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REPORTER

One of the two teams that represented Guam at the Asia-Pacific Junior Achieve-

ment Competition won the bronze award during a recent ceremony in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Team "Home" was composed of 36 members repre-

sented five high schools in Guam: Simon Sanchez High School, JFK High School, Southern High School, Fr. Duenas Memorial School, and Academy of Our Lady

of Guam High School. The team's advisers were Bojo Molina, Jesse Santos, and Al Almira.

The winning team, sponsored by Tan Holdings Corp.,

was represented by 2012 JA Guam President of the Year Erika Tsuji of Academy of Our Lady of Guam; VP Human Resources Peter Paul Paragas; 2011 JA Guam VP of the Year for Finance Anthony Ermitano; VP Marketing Julio Dizon, and VP Production Andrew Ermitano of Father Duenas Memorial School, along with adviser Joey Miranda III and executive director Beth Lizama.

According to Miranda, the 12-week JA program began in September and ended in December. Each team was tasked with starting up and eventually liquidating a company. Three trade fairs were held during the course of the program. A two-minute commercial was also required of each company, with an annual report and business presentation due at the conclusion of the program along with an interview by judges made up of executives representing various companies on island.

Immediately after being named winners in the local competition, Miranda's team was informed by JA that they will be representing Guam in the Asia-Pacific competition.

"In the end, all the hard work paid off for us. My officers made it a point to enjoy the competitive atmosphere in Kuala Lumpur and in the process became the life of the competition. During the first day of competition I was flanked by several advisers from various teams congratulating me on their performance as they stood out amongst all other presenters," Miranda told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Guam sent two teams to the

event including the 2012 JA Company of the Year "LEGIT" sponsored by First Hawaiian Bank. The team was composed of president Kiana Artero, 2012 Vice President of the Year for Human Resources Angelo Martinez, VP Finance Paul Kaneshiro, VP Marketing Ulrich Pataka, VP Production Anna Bordallo, and adviser Jessica Artero.

The Asia-Pacific competition featured 17 teams representing 10 countries including China, Guam, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkmenistan, and host Malaysia. Turkmenistan was named Company of the Year with a thermal bag product made of natural materials and leftover jeans, while Thailand finished a close second with an invertible pillow. Home's product was a Web-based program complemented by a USB and pillowcase.

The JA program teaches students how to own and operate their own business, from beginning to end, with the mentorship of company sponsors.

JA Worldwide and Asia-Pacific president Dr. Lynda Rhymer, during the awarding rites, recognized the hard work of the local team "Home."

"This group overcame so many obstacles and struggles during the JA Program, but their perseverance and experience helped guide them through. They were able to think outside the box and come up with an innovative product that has the potential to unite people through a fun experience that would help their community," stated Rhymer during the ceremonies.


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ACTING SECRETARY OF PUBLIC LANDS

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR, P&S


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DIRECTOR, P&S



## Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
1 Lower Navy Hill Road Navy Hill, Saipan, MP 96950



# PROJECT BRABU

### Public Service Announcement - Availability of Federal Funds

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation: Department of Public Health Substance Abuse Prevention Unit - Project Brabu is pleased to announce the availability of federal funds, through the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) for eligible communities in the CNMI to apply. This project is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

**Details of the grant and funds available are listed below.**

**I. Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG):** **FY 2013 \$ 450,000**

The planning and implementation of this grant award will focus on four primary goals:

- 1.) **Build Prevention Capacity and Infrastructure in the CNMI**
- 2.) **Prevent the Initiation of and Reduce Substance Abuse, Including Childhood and Underage Drinking**
- 3.) **Reduce Substance Abuse-related Problems**
- 4.) **Evaluate All Activities**

The SPF SIG provides awarded communities with the opportunity to build and/or strengthen an effective and sustainable evidence-based prevention program that is responsive to the needs of the CNMI community. Community programs are required to implement evidence-based prevention programs focused on the following priorities that have been determined by Project Brabu and the State Epidemiological Workgroup (SEW):

- 1) **Underage Drinking, and/or**
- 2) **Drinking and Driving**

This grant award requires a Strategic Prevention Framework to help guide communities toward successful program management process following the five steps below:

- 1) **Assessment:** Accurately assess community problems, assets, and resources;
- 2) **Capacity:** Describe current capacity and/or plans to build capacity;
- 3) **Planning:** Develop a comprehensive Strategic Plan;
- 4) **Implement:** Identify the evidence-based program, policy, or practice to be implemented;
- 5) **Evaluate:** Process and impact evaluation through monitoring and documentation of program implementation.

The Project Brabu Advisory Council will make the final recommendation in consultation and collaboration with the SPF SIG Project Director on applications to be awarded based on a point system. Ranking and scoring by the Scoring Committee and/or the Advisory Council interview process are not subject to protest or appeal. **Upon notification of an interview with the Advisory Council, organizations are required to appear on the scheduled day. Failure to do so will result in the rejection of the application.** The grant application guidelines detail the information required and the points under each of the sections.

**All completed applications must be submitted to the CHCC: DPH Project Brabu's office on Saipan and the Prevention Coordinators on Tinian and Rota no later than 3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2013.**

Sub-Grant Application forms and guidelines may be obtained at the Project Brabu Office at the CHCC: DPH or the Substance Abuse Prevention offices on Rota and Tinian. Also, the application form and guidelines are available online at [www.cgcsn.net](http://www.cgcsn.net). For more information, please contact Ms. Tiara Evangelista at 236-8740 or [ti.evangelista@gmail.com](mailto:ti.evangelista@gmail.com) (Saipan); Mr. Keith Nabors, Prevention Coordinator (Tinian) at 433-6572 or [tiniantyphoon@hotmail.com](mailto:tiniantyphoon@hotmail.com); or Ms. Avery Hocog, Prevention Coordinator (Rota) at 532-9461 or [projectbraburota@yahoo.com](mailto:projectbraburota@yahoo.com).


Pre application workshops are scheduled as follows:

- March 27 (Saipan), LaoLao Bay Resort Saipan
- April 5 (Tinian), TBD
- April 12 (Rota), TBD


These workshops will provide on-site technical assistance in discussing the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) 5-step process, the sub grant components and requirements. The workshops are available to interested community members/agencies and are free of charge; however, slots are limited and pre-registration is required. Please contact the coordinators on each respective island to pre-register.

/s/ **Mr. Claudio Norita**  
Chairman, Advisory Council

/s/ **Mrs. Reyna Saures**  
SPF SIG Project Director



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

CUC-IFB-13-016  
**PROCUREMENT & INSTALLATION OF LED STREET LIGHTS**  
(Phase No. 3)

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced firms for the procurement and installation of Light Emitting Diodes (LED) Street Lights on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).**

The Bid Package may be obtained, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card, in the amount of \$100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 AM (ChST) on **March 14, 2013** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan.

**One (1) original and Five (5) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-13-016, Procurement and Installation of Light Emitting Diodes (LED) Street Lights" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on April 9, 2013** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before submission deadline. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualifications should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page - <http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm>. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid or supply under the contract. The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure or contract for goods. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **March 19, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Alfredo Palatiao, Power Division Engineer via email [alfred.palatiao@cucgov.org](mailto:alfred.palatiao@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER  
Acting Executive Director



## EMO, OHS merger eyed

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
haidee\_eugenio@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

To reduce government costs and improve efficiency, the Inos administration wants to merge the Emergency Management Office and the Office of Homeland Security—a proposal first raised during the previous administration but not acted on.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said this proposal has been on the drawing board “for quite some time” and the new administration hopes that the House of Representatives will entertain the bill in its next session “so that we can satisfy the requirements of the grant with DHS.”

House Floor Leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) resurrected his bill to merge the two agencies and create the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management. He plans to introduce House Bill 18-27 in this morning’s House session.

This comes days after Inos announced plans to also merge the Department of Labor and Workforce Investment Agency, privatize parks maintenance, and transfer the operations of the Oleai Sports Complex to the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association.

Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, in their first joint news briefing yesterday, also want the Legislature to hasten the passage of two other bills—one that raises the hotel occupancy tax by 5 per-

centage points or from 10 percent to 15 percent by April 1, 2013, and one that clarifies provisions of a bill allowing the refund of contributions to the NMI Retirement Fund.

The Senate, during its session on Tinian on Tuesday, passed the two House bills with amendments. They go back to the House, which is expected to either accept or reject the Senate amendments today.

Sen. Victor Hocog (R-Rota) offered floor amendments to the hotel tax bill, H.B. 18-2, to remove references to house, apartment, rooming house, condominium, and similar facilities on the list of those subject to hotel occupancy tax, as well as setting aside 2.5 percent of 5 percent for destination enhancement toward the hiring of full-time enforcement officers for Rota and Tinian.

Senators also passed with major amendments H.B. 18-12, which clarifies the provisions of Public Law 17-82 to expedite the refunds of NMI Retirement Fund contributions and change timelines. The Senate deleted the portion about the Defined Contribution Plan from pages 4 to 5, so that Defined Benefit Plan members can get 50 percent of their contributions, among other things.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said senators agreed to have a separate bill addressing the needs of DC Plan members.

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**6:00 PM**

**Marianas Business Plaza**

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# March 15 deadline for Bank of Guam scholarships nears

## » 5 awardees to receive \$2,000 each plus paid summer internship

One week remains for applications to be submitted for the Bank of Guam IFIT Scholarship. Applications are available for the Bank of Guam

IFIT Scholarship which makes \$2,000 available for five graduating seniors to attend a U.S. accredited four-year college or university. The scholarship also

includes a paid summer internship at the bank's branches.

To be eligible for the program, applicants must:

1. Be U.S. citizens who reside in Guam, the CNMI, Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, or San Francisco, California;
2. Be high school seniors, Class of 2013, (copies of tran-

scripts and SAT/ACT scores required) from an accredited high school with a 3.5 grade point average.

3. Submit the original, numbered application by March 15, 2013, to Bank of Guam, ATTN: Marketing Department;

4. Submit three letters of recommendation, one from a reference of choice;

5. Submit answers to four essay questions.

The scholarship will be available for use at any four-year U.S. accredited college or university, and would be earmarked to those students pursuing degrees in business, finance, accounting, economics, or related majors

(can be multidisciplinary). Ten semifinalists will be selected by April, who will then be required to submit additional documents, including an acceptance letter to a U.S. accredited four-year college or university.

Lou A. Leon Guerrero, Bank of Guam board chair, president and chief executive officer, stated: "We are very proud to offer graduating high school seniors an opportunity to continue their education at an accredited college or university. Given Bank of Guam's longstanding service and commitment to higher education for its communities, it is a privilege to continue this commitment."

Last year's awardees were graduates of Guam's Notre Dame High School, Academy of Our Lady of Guam and Southern High. Additionally, graduates from Saipan's Kagman High School and Pohnpei's Seventh-Day Academy won the scholarships and paid internships.

Applications are available at all Bank of Guam branches and the Customer Service Department of the Hagatna branch lobby. They have also been distributed to Guam's high schools. Only originals will be accepted.

For additional information, contact Jackie Marati at 472-5258 or [jackie.marati@bankof-guam.com](mailto:jackie.marati@bankof-guam.com). (BoG)

## Healthy Outcomes for Maternal and Early-Childhood (H.O.M.E) Visiting Program

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### TOWNHALL MEETING

#### WHO

Pregnant mothers and/or with infant no older than 3 months of age who live in San Antonio, Koblerville and Kagman Village

#### WHEN/WHERE

March 12, 2013 - Pacific Islands Club  
(Residents of San Antonio and Koblerville Village)  
March 14, 2013 - Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort  
(Residents of Kagman Village)

#### TIME

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Registration starts at 6:00 p.m.



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## Special treat for Russian guests at PIC

Following the celebration of two of the biggest Russian holidays—the Orthodox Christmas and New Year—Pacific Islands Club continues to pamper its Russian guests this year. As the leading resort hotel in welcoming travelers from Russia to the CNMI, PIC begins this spring season with another important holiday to celebrate.



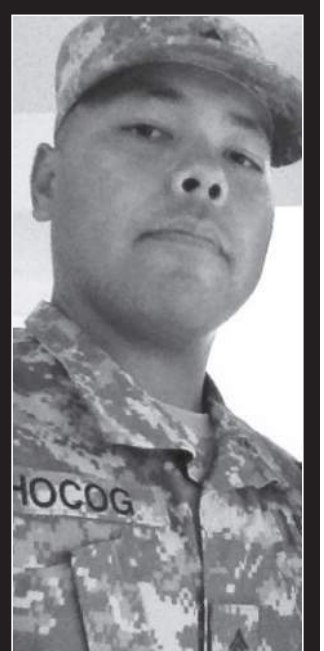
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Pacific Islands Club will be giving away beautiful teddy bears to its young Russian guests today in celebration of International Women's Day.

Today, March 8, Russia celebrates a holiday known as International Women's Day. All women in Russia receive greetings, special attention, and various gifts as a way of appreciation from their fathers, brothers, husbands, male friends, and co-workers. PIC supports this wonderful tradition and surprises its Russian female guests with gifts and events. Over 80 Russian women will enjoy fresh roses and special gifts, the little girls will receive beautiful teddy bears, and all female

guests will be treated to chocolate cupcakes, freshly baked for this holiday. In the evening the Seaside Grill will pamper guests with a mouthwatering dinner menu.

A happy holiday to all women with the warmest greetings from PIC Saipan! (PIC)



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulation to our son, Sgt. Anthony T. Hocog, for his promotion on March 1, 2013, in Wahiawa, Hawaii. Best wishes and good luck. We are so proud of you. Missing and loving you always. God bless! Greetings come from your parents, sister, brothers, and all the families.

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# Business

## House votes to prevent March 27 federal shutdown

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republicans pushed legislation through the House on Wednesday to prevent a government shutdown this month while easing the short-term impact of \$85 billion in spending cuts—at the same time previewing a longer-term plan to erase federal deficits without raising taxes.

President Barack Obama pursued a different path as the GOP asserted its budget priorities. He arranged to have dinner with several Republican senators at a hotel near the White House in search of bipartisan support for a deficit-cutting approach that includes the higher taxes he seeks as well as savings from

Medicare and other benefit programs that they stress.

Any such compromise talks are unlikely to yield fruit for months, if then, although Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan, the author of the House Republican budget plan, expressed hope that some progress across party lines might be possible later in the year.

"I think this whole thing will come to a crescendo this summer, and we're going to have to talk to each other to get an agreement about how to delay a debt crisis, how to save this country from a fiscal train wreck that's coming," said Ryan, who was the Republicans' vice presidential candidate last year. He

added that he had spoken with Obama in recent days, but he declined to provide details.

For now, the divided government's immediate objectives are to prevent a shutdown of federal agencies on March 27, at the same time lawmakers and the White House look for ways to ease the impact of across-the-board spending cuts that kicked in less than a week ago.

The legislation that cleared the House on a bipartisan vote of 267-151 would do both, ensuring funding through the Sept. 30 end of the budget year while granting the Pentagon and the Department of Veterans Affairs greater flexibility in implement-

ing their share of short-term spending cuts.

"This is all about whether or not we shut down the government. This is a bill to keep the government operating," said Rep. Hal Rogers, the Kentucky Republican who chairs the House Appropriations Committee.

Minority Democrats appeared torn between a desire to support legislation to keep the government open and their goal of replacing at least half of the spending cuts with provisions to increase revenue.

"Instead of closing tax loopholes for corporate jets, they want to cut 4 million meals on wheels," the party's House

leader, Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, said of Republicans.

The bill passed with the support of 53 Democrats, more than a quarter of those voting.

It now goes to the Senate, where Democrats and the White House are deep in negotiations with Republicans on changes that would give the Department of Homeland Security and other domestic agencies the same type of flexibility in administering the spending cuts that the Pentagon would receive.

Obama's dinner with Senate Republicans stemmed from a suggestion he made during a conversation recently with GOP Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Caro-

lina, according to a presidential aide. It also served as prelude to at least two trips to the Capitol in coming days as the chief executive meets with the rank and file of both parties in both houses.

The spending legislation was still pending on the House floor when Ryan began pulling back the curtain on his plan to eliminate deficits in 10 years. The government ran a deficit of more than \$1 trillion for the past budget year, about \$200 billion less than the year before, and the total federal debt is about \$16 trillion.

To achieve his 10-year goal of producing a surplus, Ryan said he would incorporate the tax increases on the wealthy that Congress passed on Jan. 1 over the objections of many House Republicans.

## Fed survey: US economy is growing throughout country

WASHINGTON (AP)—Strong auto sales, better hiring and a continued housing recovery helped the U.S. economy grow in January and February throughout the country, according to a survey released Wednesday by the Federal Reserve.

The survey noted that 10 of the Fed's 12 banking districts reported moderate or modest growth, while the Boston and Chicago districts reported slow growth.

Consumer spending increased in most regions, although spending growth slowed in many districts and much of the gains were driven by auto sales. Many districts said consumers pulled back slightly elsewhere after seeing taxes rise and gas prices increase. Some also expressed concerns about federal spending cuts that started on March 1.

Housing markets showed

more strength in nearly all parts of the country. Manufacturing grew modestly in most regions after struggling in through most of 2012. And many districts reported improvement in individual jobs markets.

The report, called the Beige Book, provides anecdotal information on economic conditions through February 22. The information will be discussed along with other economic data during the Fed's next policy meeting on March 19-20.

Analysts said the report was slightly more upbeat than the previous Fed survey, noting the modest rebound in manufacturing in the past two months. Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, called the latest survey "more encouraging news on the U.S. economy."

## NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2013, at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan  
(Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

### A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of February 21, 2013 minutes
5. Public Comments (*not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings*)

### B. Public Hearings

1. **Conditional Use Application #2011-5932:** Marksmanship Training Academy is proposing to operate a shooting academy to teach proper and safe handling and maintenance of firearms. This use is classified as Outdoor, Amusement and is proposed to be situated on a portion of public land, #Tract 21-2 in Talofofo, Capitol Hill. This area is zoned as Rural.
2. **Conditional Use Application #2011-5950:** Hong Ye Hardware is proposing to operate a warehouse to store its materials & supplies. This use is classified as Warehousing & General Wholesaling and is proposed to be situated on lot 550 New-12 in San Antonio on Afetna Road. This area is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

### C. Communications/ Reports

### D. Old Business.

1. Update on the Zoning Law of 2013

### E. New Business

1. Office operations report

### F. Executive (Closed) Session

### G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogomoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

## MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST

### REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED PROPOSALS ON TWO HOUSES IN KAGMAN, SAIPAN

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) announces this request for qualified proposals on two concrete house structures in Kagman, Saipan,

MPLT Resolution 10-10 establishes the Supplemental Home Investment Program (SHIP). Under the program, MPLT offers these acquired homes in its inventory to qualified persons. The three significant qualification requirements include the following: 1) the homes are offered at the minimum appraised value; 2) each proposer is credit-worthy for debt-service for the amount of the appraised value of the home; and 3) the proposer is certified as qualified under the CNMI Homestead Program with the CNMI Department of Public Lands, Homestead Division.

The interest rate is 2% per annum fixed under the program.

Notice is given to all proposers that there are *no warranties* of any kind as to any of the homes under the SHIP program. Homes are presented for proposals "as is and where is" without warranties as to habitability, suitability or fitness for purpose. It is the responsibility of each interested proposer to inspect or commission an inspection of the property.

In this announcement MPLT solicits qualified proposals for two acquired homes located in **Kagman, Saipan**. They are not subject to the right of redemption. Below is a photograph and short description of each home as well as the minimum appraised value. Interested proposers may pick up the application packets at the MPLT Office at House No. 1222, Capital Hill; or with the MPLT Loan Administrator (Bank of Saipan) in Chalan Kanoa. The deadline for submission of proposals for either house is **Friday, March 15, 2013**.

### Marianas Public Land Trust

Tel 3224401/4402



#### MPLT SHIP PROGRAM HOUSE NO. SHIP-001

3 Bedroom Concrete House/2 bath, Kagman 2  
Septic Tank System  
Located across the street from the old DYS Kagman Facility  
(future CHC Community Health Center)  
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**Appraised value is \$90,000.00**



#### MPLT SHIP PROGRAM HOUSE NO. SHIP-002

3 Bedroom Concrete House/1 bath, Kagman 2  
Septic Tank System  
Good Ocean View  
Fair/Moderate condition.

**Appraised value is \$52,000.00**



# Nation

## Storm strikes Mid-Atlantic; 250K without power

WASHINGTON (AP)—A winter storm marched into the Mid-Atlantic region Wednesday, dumping nearly two feet of snow in some places and knocking out power to about 250,000 homes and businesses. It largely spared the nation's capital, which was expecting much worse and had all but shut down.

Officials in Washington didn't want a repeat of 2011, when a rush-hour snowstorm stranded commuters for hours, so they told people to

A pedestrian walks down Pennsylvania Ave near the White House in Washington, Wednesday, March 6, 2013.

AP



stay off the roads and gave workers the day off. Dubbed the "snow-quester," the storm closed government offices, just as the automatic budget cuts known as the sequester were expected to do.

The storm pummeled the nation's midsection on Tuesday, killing at least four people in weather-related traffic accidents. It was forecast to head to the northeast on Thursday, bringing strong winds, more snow and the possibility of coastal flooding to New England.

In Washington, where as much as 10 inches had been forecast, the storm did little but drop harmless snowflakes that rapidly melted amid warmer-than-expected tem-

peratures. Federal offices in the region will be open Thursday.

"They just say that it might snow and the whole city shuts down," said Sheri Sable, who was out walking her two dogs in light rain and marveled at how even the dog park she frequents failed to open at 7 a.m.

There were bigger problems elsewhere in the region, though.

Lashing winds blew off part of the roof of a Stone Harbor, N.J., condominium complex and Ocean City officials advised residents to move their cars to higher ground in preparation of possible flooding. Maryland's Bay Bridge, which connects Maryland's Eastern shore with the Baltimore-Washington region, closed in both directions, because of wind gusts of up to 60 mph.

## Triple slaying leaves its mark on Wyoming town

CLARK, Wyo. (AP)—The wide-open sagebrush flats along the Montana-Wyoming border make it easy to spot strangers passing along the bumpy dirt roads that crisscross the sparsely populated town of Clark. So it was perhaps no surprise when authorities announced a quick arrest following the triple slaying of a woman and her parents.

Yet, even with a pair of teenage suspects in custody, residents said they remain on edge. The violence has dispelled any notion that they were somehow shielded from the world's problems in their rural enclave tucked against the Beartooth Mountains.

"We're lulled into a false sense of security in a way," said Jerry Ruth, a volunteer fire fighter in Clark who moved to Wyoming after retiring as a Maryland policeman five years ago. "We're all thinking we're in a little piece of heaven out here and nothing's going on."

The shootings took place at the end of a road surrounded by ranchland and scattered houses, several miles from a state highway that connects the town's

roughly 300 residents to the broader world.

Stephen Hammer, 19, and Tanner Vampelt, 18, told investigators they stole a trove of handguns from a gun store in Cody last week. They hoped to flee to Denver to sell the weapons, authorities said Wednesday.

The pair took a roommate's car and drove 35 miles north to Clark, to steal an Audi SUV for the trip to Colorado, according to court documents and Park County Sheriff Scott Steward.

The vehicle was owned by a woman who was friends with Hammer's family, Steward said.

The teens allegedly told authorities that after Ildiko Freitas, 40, argued against giving them the vehicle, they shot and killed her and her parents, Janos Volgyesi, 69, and Hildegard Volgyesi, 70.

Steward credited neighborly vigilance with the quick arrests in the case, just a few miles from the crime scene.

Two neighbors who found the victims' dog on the loose called authorities after discovering the bodies when they went to return the animal.

### In Celebration of His New Life

## †Jesus Reyes Tenorio

Lovingly known as "Chu Korason/Chu Dagú"

October 26, 1941 – March 01, 2013

In His New Life He Now Joins His:

**Father:** †Jose Pangelinan Tenorio (Korason)

**Mother:** †Adela Cabrera Reyes San Nicolas

**Stepfather:** †Andres Arceo San Nicolas

**Father-in-law:** †Jose Cepeda Agulto

**Mother-in-law:** †Carmen Pangelinan Agulto

**Sisters/Brothers/In-laws:**

†Emiling T./ †Antonio C. Lizama,

†Juana T. Indalecio,

†Consolacion P. Tenorio,

†Maria R. San Nicolas,

†Joseph R. San Nicolas,

†Ana P. Aldan

**His Memories Will Forever Live in the Hearts of His:**

**Wife:** Josephine Pangelinan Tenorio

**Children/In-laws/Grandchildren/Great Grandchildren:**

**Edwin Arnold/Honora S. Tenorio** (Adela/Joseph Dela Rosa: Marissa, Honarie, Madison); **Jesus N. Tenorio/Crystal Benavente** (Chenae); **Edwin Tenorio II/Jackie M. Castro;** Maggie Tenorio;

**Lucille Tenorio/Isaac Aguon** (Josephine Stephanie, Destyne Isa)

**Reared Children:** Vincent Keith A. Aldan (Keith, Carmen, Joevin); Celina A./Roy Reyes (Catherine, Rico Roy); Emy Ilarte/Dionicio Bernabe (Emerson, Jennilyn); Vicente A. Masga

**Brothers/Sisters-in-laws:** Dolores S. Celis and Family; Mariano Indalecio and Family; Vicente/Margarita Agulto and Family; Vicente/Antonia Aldan and Family; Margarita/Jose Borja and Family; Ramon/Dalia Agulto and Family; Virginia/Jose Cruz and Family; Luis/Dolores Agulto and Family

**Aunts/Uncle:** Concepcion T. Sablan (Pitu), Maria R. Cruz, Agueda P. Sablan, Alfonso C. Reyes

*He will also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.*

Daily Mass of Intentions is offered at 6:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church followed by Holy Rosary at 06:30 pm.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, March 09, 2013. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Señora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 07:30 am.

Responso Service will be at 08:00 am followed by Holy Rosary at 08:30 am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 am. followed by Interment Services at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where he will be at a peaceful rest.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS

Josephine Pangelinan Tenorio, Children and Families

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Volunteer killed by lion at Calif. animal park

DUNLAP, Calif. (AP)—A lion killed a volunteer intern at an exotic animal park in Central California after she entered its enclosure, and authorities were trying to determine what might have provoked the animal to maul her. Cat Haven founder and executive director Dale Anderson was crying as he read a one-sentence statement about the fatal mauling at the private zoo he has operated since 1993. The 26-year-old intern was attacked and killed when she entered the male African lion's enclosure, Anderson said, but he refused to provide more details.

#### Giffords visits rampage site, urges gun control

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords returned to the scene of the horrific shooting that wounded her and killed six people two years ago, urging senators Wednesday to pass background checks for gun purchases in her first public event at the site since the rampage. Giffords, who is still recovering from her injuries, spoke fewer than 20 words in the parking lot of the Safeway grocery store in her hometown of Tucson in a brief but emotional call for stricter gun control measures. "Be bold. Be courageous," Giffords said. "Please support background checks."



# World

## A day of tears after Chavez death in Venezuela

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**—By the hundreds of thousands, Hugo Chavez's tearful supporters carried their dead president through streets still plastered with his smiling image, an epic farewell to a larger-than-life leader remembered simply as "our commander."

In a display of raw, and at times, unruly emotion, generations of Venezuelans, many dressed in the red of Chavez's socialist party, filled Caracas' streets Wednesday to remember the man who dominated their country for 14 years before succumbing to cancer.

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**—President Hugo Chavez died of a massive heart attack after great suffering and inaudibly mouthed his desire to live, the head of Venezuela's presidential guard said late Wednesday. "He couldn't speak, but he said it with his lips ... 'I don't want to die. Please don't let me die,' because he loved his country, he sacrificed himself for his country," Gen. Jose Ornela told The Associated Press.

The general said he spent the last two years with Chavez, including his final moments, as Venezuela's president of 14 years battled an unspecified cancer in the pelvic region.

Ornela spoke to the AP outside the military academy where Chavez's body lay in state. He said Chavez's cancer was very advanced when death came but gave no details.

Ornela did not respond when asked if the cancer had spread to Chavez's lungs.

The government said on the eve of Chavez's death that he had suffered a severe new respiratory infection. It was the second respiratory infection reported by officials after Chavez underwent his fourth cancer surgery in Cuba on Dec. 11.

Venezuelan authorities have not said what kind of cancer Chavez had or specified exactly where tumors were removed.

Chavez's flag-draped coffin floated over hundreds of thousands of supporters as it made its way atop an open hearse on a seven-hour journey to a military academy in the capital. Mourners followed the lead of a grim drum major, with some shouting out "nuestro comandante"—"our commander," in English—as the coffin passed.

At the academy, Chavez's family and close advisers, as well as the presidents of Argentina, Bolivia and Uruguay, attended a funeral Mass before the president's open casket. Later, the public slowly filed past in

a show of respect expected to go on late into the night.

But even amid the outpouring of grief, questions about the country's future could not be put off for long, with worries amplified by the government's lack of regard for the letter of the constitution and the military's eagerness to choose political sides.

Vice President Nicolas Maduro, the late president's hand-picked successor, and Bolivian President Evo Morales, one of his staunchest allies, mingled with the crowd, at one point falling to the ground in the jostle of bodies pushing in every direction. Military officers and Cabinet members ringed the president's coffin, stone-faced with grief.

Other mourners pumped their fists and held aloft images of the late president, amid countless waving yellow, blue and red Venezuelan flags.

"The fight goes on! Chavez lives!" the mourners shouted in unison, many through eyes red from crying late into the night.

Chavez's bereaved mother, Elena Frias de Chavez, leaned against her son's casket, while a priest read a prayer before the procession left the military hospital where Chavez died Tuesday at age 58. His funeral is scheduled for Friday.

"I feel so much pain. So much pain," said Yamile Gil, a 38-year-old housewife. "We never wanted to see our president like this. We will always love him."

Others who bitterly opposed Chavez's take-no-prisoners brand of socialism said they were sorry about his death, but hopeful it would usher in a less confrontational, more business-friendly era in this major oil-producing country. Under his leadership, the state expropriated key industries, raised taxes on the rich and forced many opponents into exile.

"I am not happy that he has died, but I can't be sad either," said Delia Ramirez, a 32-year-old accountant who stayed away from the procession. "This man sowed hatred and division among Venezuelans."

Even as Chavistas said their goodbyes, a sense of foreboding gripped the country as it awaited word on what might come next. Many Venezuelans, fearful of possible violence, stocked up on food and fuel as the country pondered whether the former paratrooper's socialist agenda would survive him, and for how long.

The 1999 constitution that Chavez himself pushed through mandates that elections be called within 30 days, but Chavez's top lieutenants have often improvised with the law.

The charter clearly states that the speaker of the National As-

sembly, in this case Diosdado Cabello, should become interim president if a head of state is forced to leave office within three years of his election. Chavez was re-elected only in October.

But Chavez anointed Maduro for that role, and the vice president has assumed the mantle even as the government announced he would represent the ruling socialist party in the presidential vote.

Some took to Twitter to denounce the move, citing Article 233 of the constitution, which establishes Cabello as the rightful president.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### Malaysia tries to block escape of Filipino gunmen

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)**—Malaysia is reinforcing efforts to block armed Filipino intruders from escaping by sea or vanishing into Borneo's population following deadly clashes that prompted the U.N. chief to urge both sides to seek a peaceful resolution. The conflict has wreaked political havoc for both Malaysia and the neighboring Philippines, which spent weeks trying to dislodge nearly 200 members of an obscure Philippine Muslim clan who took over an entire Malaysian village to lay claim to a sprawl-

ing Borneo state they insist is theirs by royal birthright. Malaysia mounted airstrikes and mortar attacks Monday against the clansmen, but most eluded capture in a coastal district brimming with palm oil plantations and forested hills.

### Philippines to accuse police, soldiers in killings

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Philippine investigators will file a murder case against 35 police officers and soldiers for allegedly executing 13 people at a road checkpoint in a plan by a police colonel to eliminate a rival in an illegal gambling oper-

ation, the justice secretary said Wednesday. An investigation ordered by President Benigno Aquino III into the killings that occurred Jan. 6 concluded the victims were summarily executed and there was no shootout as claimed by the security personnel. Presidential spokeswoman Abigail Valte said Aquino directed Justice Secretary Leila de Lima to file a criminal and administrative complaint after reading the report by the National Bureau of Investigation. "The conclusion is that no shootout occurred," de Lima said. "The victims were summarily executed and all indications point to a rubout."

### In Celebration of Her New Life

## Mathilde Lujan Takai

Lovingly known as "Diding"

Born to Life on March 12, 1950  
Called to her Eternal Life by our Dear Lord  
on Monday, March 04, 2013

*In Her New Life, She now Joins Her:*

**PARENTS:** Ana Lujan Takai and Jose Duenas Takai  
**BROTHERS:** Jose L./Josephina Takai & Luis L. Takai  
**SISTER/BROTHER IN-LAW:** Rita T. & Leonardo Camacho

*Her Spirit and Memories will Live Forever  
in the Hearts of Her:*

**DEAR FRIEND:** Ramon Barcinas  
**DAUGHTER:** Janaway Takai Camacho & Martin Camacho (Aleah Monique & Klohe Rae)  
**SISTERS:** Dolores T./Gregorio Arriola & Children  
Dorothea T./†Robert Danford & Children  
**BROTHERS:** Carlos/Trinidad T. Takai & Children  
Salvador/Remedio Takai & Children  
Oscar/Sinforosa C. Takai & Children  
Pablo Takai  
Eleuterio/Maria L. Takai & Children  
John/Rosie F. Takai & Children  
Ramon/Juanita I. Takai & Children  
**FRIEND & CAREGIVER:** Julie Veno & June Capili

She is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives.

Daily Mass is offered at 6:00 p.m. at Saint Jude Church except on Saturday at 7:00 a.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

On Tuesday, March 12, 2013, her remains will leave the Borja Funeral Home at 6:30 a.m. and will be escorted to Saint Jude Church for viewing and paying of last respects.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:00 a.m. followed by Internment Service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

*Your Thoughts and Prayers are Greatly Appreciated*

*The Family*



# Off The Wall

## Ex-con accused of sneaking back into NYC jails

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Most people who've done time in jail can't wait to get away. But this week, New York City authorities accused one former inmate of sneaking back in.

Yonkers resident Matthew Matagrano, 36, was arraigned in Manhattan on Saturday on charges that he impersonated a Department of Correction investigator.

Officials say that for at least a week, Matagrano used phony credentials to get into multiple city lockups, including Rikers Island and the Manhattan Detention Center, where he mingled with inmates for hours.

Investigators said the case was still unfolding, but some of the allegations were detailed in a criminal complaint describing Matagrano's entry into the Manhattan jail on Thursday.

It said that when questioned, Matagrano had admitted to arriving at the jail at around 3:30 p.m. and gaining entry by showing a gold shield and saying he was an investigator from the department's intelligence unit.

According to the complaint, he stayed until 11 p.m., giving cigarettes to inmates and smoking with them in a common area. He is also charged with stealing a radio from an office

while inside.

Surveillance cameras recorded video of Matagrano during the visit, the complaint said.

It wasn't clear if or when Matagrano would face similar charges for entry into other city jails. A spokesman for the Bronx district attorney, which often handles cases related to crimes committed on Rikers Island, said Saturday that he had no information on the case.

Matagrano has a rap sheet that includes a conviction for sodomy and sexual abuse. He's on the state's sex offender registry.

It's not clear why he wanted

to get into jails, but he had previously been caught posing as a Board of Education worker to enter two schools and rifle through student files. In 2004, he pleaded guilty to attempted burglary in connection with that case.

His court-appointed lawyer, Andrej Bajuk, couldn't immediately be reached by phone for comment. No one responded to a message left at the public defender's office that handled his arraignment.

Department of Correction spokespeople did not immediately return phone messages Saturday.

## Tubby tabby finds a home with couple, fellow fat cat

**ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP)**—A St. Louis-area animal shelter has found a home for a 37-pound cat named Biscuit. It even found him a sympathetic shoulder to meow on.

Operators of the St. Charles County shelter say recent news coverage of the tubby tabby's plight led to more than 100 adoption requests for him.

The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* reports that Biscuit will go to live with Ed and Lisa Pyatt next week. The Eureka couple adopted another fat cat, Max, several years ago, and

Ed Pyatt says it'll be good for Max to have a buddy.

Biscuit is roughly three times the weight of a normal adult cat



AP

In this Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013 image made from video provided by the St. Charles Animal Control shelter, Biscuit, a 37-pound cat, looks at his cage in the shelter in St. Charles, Mo.

and will have to stay on a strict diet. His previous caretakers had to give him up because they could no longer care for him.

## 106-year-old Mass. man gets high school diploma

**BEVERLY, Mass. (AP)**—Fred Butler was married for 65 years, raised five children, served in the Army during World War II and worked for years for the local water department, but the fact he never earned a high school diploma always bothered him.

Not anymore.

The 106-year-old was awarded his honorary diploma Monday during an emotional ceremony attended by school officials, state lawmakers and Beverly Mayor Bill Scanlon.

"I thank everybody who is responsible for this," he said, wearing a mortar board hat and tassel and holding the prized document in his hands. "I certainly appreciate it."

Butler dropped out of school before the ninth-grade to accept

a full-time job at a print shop to support his mother and five younger siblings.

Daughter-in-law Cathy Butler says he regretted dropping out and always emphasized the importance of education to his children and grandchildren.

A grandson, Mike Calabro, said Butler gave him \$5 for every A on his report card.

Cathy Butler launched the effort to get her father-in-law his diploma as a way to raise his spirits following the death of his wife, Ruth, last year.

Fred Butler's only concern was that he hadn't earned it.

Scanlon put that concern to rest. "It's a long time to wait for your diploma," Scanlon said, "but you've obviously earned it very well."

### OFFBEAT BRIEFS

#### Pa. business auctions vandal's brick for \$1150

**PITTSBURGH (AP)**—It's like throwing money out the window, only backward. The brick a vandal tossed through a Pittsburgh printing shop's window Monday night fetched its new owner more than \$1,000 in an impromptu auction Tuesday. Business owner Dan Rugh says what was initially a frustrated joke turned into a big moneymaker, with people and businesses alike pitching in prizes. One woman offered tickets to a Pittsburgh Penguins hockey game, a brewery offered a free tour, and restaurants donated gift certificates. The final \$1150 bid for the brick came in at 11:59 p.m. Donations totaled about \$1000 more. The window cost only \$425 to fix so Rugh and his partner say they'll donate the rest to charity.

#### NY man gets summonses for laughing too loudly

**ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. (AP)**—A New York man says he didn't know it was a crime to laugh. Robert Schiavelli of Rockville Centre, on Long Island, was slapped with two summonses for "disturbing the peace." Police responded to his home on Feb. 12 and Feb. 13 after receiving complaints from his next-door neighbor that his loud laughs could be heard across the driveway. The 42-year-old was charged with acting "in such a manner as to annoy, disturb, interfere with, obstruct, or be offensive to others." At his arraignment Tuesday, a judge declined to dismiss the charges. Schiavelli tells the *New York Post* his neighbor often taunts him due to his disability. He deals with it by laughing him off. Schiavelli suffers from seizures and neurological impairments.

## ANTONIO TAN LIM

1935 July 18 – 2013 March 5

On the 5th of March, 2013, Antonio Tan Lim, the founder of Transamerica (Saipan) Corporation, moved on to a better world. We will forever remember him for his genuine love and happy spirit, and we are reassured that his caring soul will stay on with us in our hearts. He was always generous with his kindness with all people he met, and the many personal friendships he enjoyed through the years have made Saipan and the Marianas his home as well.

He is survived by his wife Carmen; his son Steven and daughter-in-law Marites, his daughter Jennifer and son-in-law Vincent, his daughter Grace and son-in-law Arthur, his daughter Tiffany Hope and son-in-law Dennis; his grandsons Sinjin Vincent and Andre Nicholas; his granddaughters Maxine Gabrielle, Isabel Carmen, Dara Therese and Alexis Raine.

His remains lie in state in the Arlington Memorial Chapels of Quezon City, Philippines. His cremation shall be at 1:30 in the afternoon of March 9, Saturday, and his remains shall rest in the Thousand Buddha Temple in his home city of Manila, Philippines.

Nightly rosary is offered at 7:00pm at Transamerica Bldg., 2nd floor Middle Road, Chalan Laulau Saipan. And our Holy Mass offering at 6:00 pm on March 9, 2013 at Kristo Rai & March 13 at 6:00 pm at Mt. Carmel Cathedral.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated.

**From the Family and Transamerica Corp.**



# Science & Technology

## Yahoo pays CEO \$1.1M bonus for 5 months of work

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer received a \$1.1 million bonus for her first five-and-half months running the Internet company.

The award disclosed Wednesday supplements Mayer's annual salary of \$1 million and \$56 million in long-term stock compensations that she received after Yahoo Inc. lured her away from Google Inc. to become its CEO last July. The amount included \$14 million in stock to

offset the loss of money that she would have received had she remained at Google.

The 37-year-old Mayer is eligible for an annual bonus of up to \$2 million. Yahoo adjusted last year's bonus to reflect that Mayer spent less than half the year as CEO.

Yahoo shareholders are unlikely to quibble with Mayer's bonus. The company's stock has risen by 46 percent since Mayer became the boss.

## The ABCs of pdf's

By **NOAH MATTHEWS**  
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Sometimes the better things in life are free. That's especially true of a pdf program called Nitro Reader. It's free, as is its better-known cousin, Adobe Reader. For the latter, there's probably not a computer in North America and points west that does not have Adobe Reader installed. But folks ought to give Nitro Reader a run for the money, too.

A pdf—portable document

file—can be opened and viewed on most common operating systems. Create a pdf on a Mac, and you can open it on a PC running any version of Windows. It's an industry standard.

The problem with Adobe Reader is it does only what its name promises: It will read pdf files, but it will not create them unless you upgrade to the paid version. Nitro Reader not only can create pdf files, it can help you annotate them, attach yellow sticky notes to your work, and even let you

make corrections and additions to your work. Adobe Reader, which has a slicker interface, will let you attach yellow notes and it will let you type a signature that you can attach to your file.

Creating a pdf file is as simple as dragging and dropping the file onto the Nitro Reader desktop icon. After that, you can annotate, add text, email, or bounce a rubber ball on your PC. Forget I said that. Adobe Reader gives you only five free pdf's. (In my test run, however, it could not convert a Microsoft 2010 file to a pdf.)

For example, my colleague sent me his latest novel as a

pdf, his second this month. As I read it, I attached notes to each page. "Yawn," "turgid," "trite," "overwritten," to cite a few of my expert observations.

He then sent me comments on mine. "Philistine," "meat-cleaver editing," "missed the point" are among his rejoinders. And so we go, back and forth. By the time we're finished, there are more comments and counter-comments than prose, and that's one way to protect the reading public from 750 pages of boring, turgid, trite and overwritten prose. I may be a Philistine, but I know pulp fiction when I read it.

## Handle partitions with care

By **TYLER DUKES**  
THE NEWS & OBSERVER (RALEIGH, N.C.)

**QUESTION: I have an older Dell desktop running Windows XP. Disk partition C: has a capacity of about 60 GB and is getting full. Disk partition Backup (D:) has a capacity of about 18 GB and is 99 percent empty. Can I safely move some of the free 18 GB in D: for use? Can I safely use D: to store files without corrupting its intended purpose? What is the intended purpose of Backup (D:)?—Allen, Raleigh, N.C.**

**ANSWER:** Many PCs by Dell and other manufacturers have a

preinstalled backup partition—essentially a walled-off portion of the hard drive. It can sometimes be hidden by default, but its solitary purpose is to store a copy of all the original software installed on the computer when it shipped from the factory.

Much older computers shipped with physical backup CDs containing this content, but the concept is the same: If something goes horribly, horribly wrong, you can theoretically take your PC back to the beginning.

In that way, "backup" is a bit of a misnomer, since this partition isn't meant to store or

save the important files on your main C: partition. And although repartitioning your hard drive to divvy up storage space differently is certainly possible, my assumption is that the manufacturer had a reason, however opaque, for allotting 18 GB of storage.

That being said, there's no particular issue with using the backup partition for file storage, says Craig Petronella, president of Raleigh-based Petronella Computer Consultants. Just make sure you're clear about its purpose.

"Assuming both the C: and D: partitions are on one physical hard drive, it is perfectly safe

to store files on D:," Petronella said in an email. "But do not consider it a reliable backup location, as it resides on the same physical media as C:."

Petronella recommends first doing some routine housecleaning: Uninstall programs you don't use and defragment your drive with the Windows utility to free up some space.

But in the grand scheme of things, it might be time for you to invest in an external hard drive.

Aside from the ability to increase your current storage capacity by orders of magnitude, many external hard drives have

automatic backup features that can keep all that data safe even if your Dell crashes and burns.

And with prices as low as \$30 from sites like Amazon and NewEgg, it's probably the most cost-effective combination of insurance and storage you can buy.

**Q: Is it possible to have one's Facebook account active, yet hidden from all friends' "friends lists" so that it appears to the public the account is inactive and no comments or "likes" can be seen on friends' timelines (except just that particular friend)? I have scoured the Facebook privacy and help sections but**

**cannot find if this privacy option exists.—Mary L., Raleigh**

**A:** Facebook's privacy options are always subject to change on the whims of its creators, but some sharing settings are out of our control. As it stands, "likes" on any post are visible to everyone who can see that post.

That means if your friend chooses to broadcast her political rant with the world via the "public" sharing option, the world will be able to see your "like" as well.

The best we can do is take a bit of advice from Facebook itself: "If you aren't comfortable with who can see the post, please don't comment on it or like it."



## IN LOVING MEMORY OF FLORANTE "DANTE" BATALLONES

Born on June 24, 1972

And was called to Eternal rest on March 6, 2013

*In his new life, he now joins his:*

**Father:** Julio Batallones, Sr.

**Sister:** Florence Batallones

**Brother:** Wilfredo Batallones

*His loving memories will forever live in the hearts of his:*

**Mother:** Florencia Batallones

**Wife:** Marichie Batallones

**Children:** Shem Japhet, Micah Joy & Marie Flor

**Siblings & In-Laws:**

Carmelo & Eufrencia Pasicolan & children

Romualdo Batallones & children

Fernando & Noemi Batallones & children

Julio & Josephine Batallones & children

Rene & Babes Batallones & children

Roldan & Shierly Villaluz & children

Virgilio & Lisa Dela Cruz & children

Motion Auto Shop Family

Prayer service will be held on March 7 & 8, 2013, at 7:00 pm at Upper Room Church located in Gualo Rai across MARPAC.

Christian service and viewing will be held on March 9, 2013 at 2:30 pm at Upper Room Church. Interment will follow at Tanapag Cemetery.

Thank you and God Bless  
**Batallones Family**

## FIFTH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

*In Loving Memory*  
We, the Family of the late  
**Isabel Cepeda Deleon Guerrero**

Would like to invite all relatives and friends to join us commemorate her Fifth Year Death Anniversary of her passage unto eternal life.

Mass will be offered at San Vicente Church on the following dates:

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 10, 2013</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 11, 2013</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 12, 2013</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 13, 2013</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 14, 2013</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 15, 2013</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 16, 2013</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 17, 2013</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>

On the final day, Monday, March 18, 2013, Mass will be celebrated at San Vicente Church at 6:00 PM. Dinner will follow at the San Vicente Social Hall.

May God Bless Us All  
**From the Family**



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### Oz The Great and Powerful 3D

Friday		7:00	10:00
Saturday	1:00	7:00	10:00
Sunday	1:00	7:00	
Mon through Thurs		7:00	

Cast: James Franco, Rachel Weisz, Michelle Williams  
Genre: Fantasy • Rated PG

### Synopsis

Director Sam Raimi heads to the fantastic world of Oz for Walt Disney Pictures with this tale of how the great Wizard ended up as the ruler of his colorful land. David Lindsay-Abaire (Rabbit Hole) and Mitchell Kapner penned the script.



### Oz The Great and Powerful 2D

Friday	4:00	
Saturday	4:00	
Sunday	4:00	
Mon through Thurs	4:00	

Cast: James Franco, Rachel Weisz, Michelle Williams  
Genre: Fantasy • Rated PG



### Jack The Giant Slayer 3D

Friday		7:20
Saturday	1:20	7:20
Sunday	1:20	7:20
Mon through Thurs		7:20

Cast: Nicholas Hoult, John Kassir, Ewan McGregor  
Genre: Fantasy • Rated PG 13



### Jack The Giant Slayer 2D

Friday	4:20	9:50
Saturday	4:20	9:50
Sunday	4:20	
Mon through Thurs	4:20	

Cast: Nicholas Hoult, John Kassir, Ewan McGregor  
Genre: Fantasy • Rated PG 13



### The Last Exorcism II

Friday	4:15	7:15	9:30
Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15
Mon through Thurs		4:15	7:15

Cast: Ashley Bell, Julia Garner, Spencer Treat Clark  
Genre: Horror, Thriller • Rated PG 13



### 21 and Over

Friday	4:25	7:25	9:40
Saturday	1:25	4:25	7:25
Sunday	1:25	4:25	7:25
Mon through Thurs		4:25	7:25

Cast: Justin Chon, Miles Teller, Jonathan Keltz  
Genre: Comedy • Rated R



### Snitch

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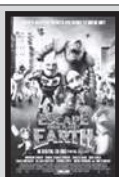
Cast: Dwane Johnson, Benjamin Bratt, Barry Pepper  
Genre: Action • Rated PG 13



### Escape From Planet Earth 3D

Friday	4:30	9:45
Saturday	4:30	9:45
Sunday	4:30	
Mon through Thurs	4:30	

Cast: Brendan Fraser, Sarah Jessica Parker, Jessica Alba  
Genre: Animation, Adventure, Comedy • Rated PG



### Escape From Planet Earth 2D

Friday		7:30
Saturday	1:30	7:30
Sunday	1:30	7:30
Mon through Thurs		7:30

Cast: Brendan Fraser, Sarah Jessica Parker, Jessica Alba  
Genre: Animation, Adventure, Comedy • Rated PG



### Good Day To Die Hard

Friday	4:05	7:05	9:35
Saturday	1:05	4:05	7:05
Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:05
Mon through Thurs		4:05	7:05

Cast: Bruce Willis, Cole Hauser, Jai Courtney  
Genre: Action • Rated R

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# Life & Style

## Bolshoi dancer confesses to attack on ballet chief

**MOSCOW (AP)**—A Russian ballet star who has danced the roles of violent and powerful historical figures at the Bolshoi Theater has confessed to organizing the acid attack on the theater's ballet chief, Moscow police said Wednesday.

A masked man threw a jar of sulfuric acid in the face of artistic director Sergei Filin as he returned home late on Jan. 17, severely burning his eyes. The 42-year-old former dancer is undergoing treatment in Germany.

Bolshoi soloist Pavel Dmitrichenko, 29, confessed to masterminding the attack, and two other men confessed to being the perpetrator and the driver of the getaway car, police said in a statement. All three were to appear in court on Thursday, when prosecutors were to move for criminal charges to be filed against them.

"I organized that attack but not to the extent that it occurred," a bleary-eyed Dmitrichenko said in footage released by Russian police.

Moscow police said in a statement that investigators believe that Dmitrichenko harbored "personal enmity" against Filin.

The attack threw light on a culture of deep intrigue and infighting at the famed Moscow theater. Within hours of the at-

tack, Bolshoi managers were speculating that the attack could have been in retaliation for Filin's selection of certain dancers over others for prized roles.

Dmitrichenko, who joined the Bolshoi in 2002, has not suffered for starring roles. Most recently, he danced the title role in "Ivan the Terrible," a ballet based on the life of the ruthless 16th-century czar who killed his son in a rage. He also has danced Spartacus in the ballet of the same name. Dmitrichenko's page on the social networking site VKontakte includes a photograph of him as the leader of the slave uprising dancing with a dagger in each hand.

Dmitrichenko's girlfriend, who also is a Bolshoi soloist, is reported to have had a troubled relationship with Filin and felt she was unfairly denied major parts, an angle to the case that has been played up by Russian state television.

Filin's lawyer and wife, however, both cautioned that the ballerina is unlikely to have been the only cause of the conflict.

## Report: TV star Valerie Harper has brain cancer

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Valerie Harper, who played Rhoda Morgenstern on television's "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and its spinoff, "Rhoda," has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer.

People magazine reported on its website Wednesday that the 73-year-old actress received



Harper

the news on Jan. 15. Tests revealed she has leptomeningeal carcinomatosis, a rare condition that occurs when cancer cells spread into the fluid-filled membrane surrounding the brain. The report says Harper's doctors have said she has as little as three months to live.

"I don't think of dying," Harper told the magazine in a cover interview. "I think of being here now."

Harper's character, Rhoda, was one of television's most beloved characters during the 1970s, and the tart-tongued, self-deprecating Rhoda made Harper a star. She won three consecutive Emmys (1971-73) as supporting actress on "Mary" plus another for outstanding lead actress for "Rhoda," which ran from 1974-78.

## Gore sued over Current TV sale to Al-Jazeera

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—A television consultant claims that former Vice President Al Gore and others at Current TV stole his idea to sell the struggling network to Al-Jazeera.

Los Angeles resident John Terenzio is demanding more than \$5 million in a lawsuit filed in San Francisco Superior Court Tuesday.

Al-Jazeera announced Jan. 3 that it would pay \$500 million for San Francisco-based Current TV.

Terenzio alleges he first brought the idea of the Qatar-owned Al-Jazeera's purchase of Current TV to board member



AP  
In this Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012 file photo, Russian dancer Pavel Dmitrichenko, as Ivan the Terrible, is pictured after a dress rehearsal of Ivan the Terrible (Russian Tsar Ivan the Terrible) in the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow, Russia.

"Sergei thinks the motives of the crime are somewhat different," Filin's wife, Maria Prorovich, was quoted as saying in an in-

terview to the newspaper Komсомolskaya Pravda. "The girl is only a pretext, but certainly not the main cause of the crime."

Richard Blum in July, and he expected to be paid if his plan was used. The lawsuit claims Blum was open to the plan, which Terenzio laid out with a detailed PowerPoint presentation but feared Gore would find such a deal with the oil-rich government of Qatar "politically unappealing."

Neither Gore or Blum, nor their representatives, could be reached for comment late Wednesday.

Gore co-founded Current TV in 2005 with Joel Hyatt, with each receiving a 20 percent stakes in Current, a politically left-leaning news and talk net-

work. Comcast Corp. had less than a 10 percent stake. Another major investor in Current TV was supermarket magnate and entertainment industry investor Ron Burkle, according to information service Capital IQ.

Blum, a venture capitalist and husband of Democratic Sen. Diane Feinstein, is also an investor in Current TV.

Terenzio claims he presented to Blum "a step-by-step approach for making the sale of the liberal media outlet to Al-Jazeera palatable to U.S. lawmakers, pro-Israel factions, cable operators and, most importantly, the American public."

## Time Warner spinning off Time Inc. magazines

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Time Warner Inc. said Wednesday that it will spin off the magazine unit behind Time, Sports Illustrated and People into a separate, publicly traded company by the end of the year, ending a media marriage that has lasted more than two decades.

CEO Jeff Bewkes said in a statement Wednesday that the decision to split off the Time Inc. magazine company will give Time Warner "strategic clarity" and enable it to focus on its TV networks including TNT, HBO and CNN, and its Warner Bros. studio, which produces movies and TV shows.

He said the move would create value for shareholders, similar to the company's previous spin-offs of Time Warner Cable and AOL.

In recent weeks, Time Warner had been in talks to combine all of Meredith Corp.'s magazines with Time Inc.'s lifestyle titles such as People, InStyle and Real Simple. But talks broke down over a value for the combined company and over which magazines from Time Inc. would be included in the mix, according to a person familiar with the matter. The person was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Meredith said Wednesday that

it respected Time Warner's decision and hoped to work with it on future opportunities. Des Moines, Iowa-based Meredith publishes magazines aimed at women such as Better Homes and Gardens, Fitness and Family Circle.

Time Warner shares rose 79 cents to \$56.24 in after-hours trading following the announcement, after closing up 41 cents at \$55.46. Shares of Meredith fell 80 cents, or 2 percent, to \$39.50 after-hours. It closed down 86 cents at \$40.30 in the regular session.

Analysts have estimated that the Time Inc. division is worth around \$2.5 billion.



# Sam Mendes says no to next James Bond film

**LONDON (AP)**—Never say never again? Sam Mendes says he won't be directing the next James Bond film—but may work on the series again in the future.

Mendes has been praised for his work on "Skyfall," the first Bond film to rake in more than \$1 billion in revenue.

But Mendes says he has made the "very difficult decision" to focus on other projects "that need my complete focus over the next year and beyond." They include upcoming London stage productions of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and "King Lear."

In comments published Wednesday by movie magazine Empire, Mendes said he was honored to have been part of the Bond family, "and very much hope I have a chance to work with them again."

Mendes worked in theater before turning to film. He won an Academy Award in 2000 for "American Beauty."

"Skyfall," which stars Daniel Craig, Javier Bardem and Judi Dench, won two Oscars last month, including one for Adele's theme song.



This is a Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, file photo of film director Sam Mendes, with actors Dame Judi Dench and Daniel Craig at the photo call for the new James Bond film titled *Skyfall*, at a central London restaurant venue.

## Little PSY goes solo after 'Gangnam Style' cameo

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—The impish boy who showed off his dance moves alongside PSY in "Gangnam Style" is hoping to go viral, too.

The 7-year-old nicknamed "Little PSY" is releasing an electro pop song next week through iTunes. The boy whose real

name is Hwang Min-woo says he wants to gain global fame like his "big brother," PSY.

Sporting a black suit and a sleek haircut, Min-woo performed at a news conference in South Korea on Wednesday. He is the latest recruit in the increasingly global K-pop industry.

Min-woo is a second-grader and his mother comes from Vietnam.

Meanwhile, the big PSY has released a "Gangnam Style" remix and is continuing his worldwide tour. The video released on YouTube in July has a record 1.39 billion views.

## George Lucas proposes museum in San Francisco

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—"Star Wars" creator George Lucas wants to build a museum dedicated to visual storytelling in San Francisco's Presidio that would house an art collection he amassed over more than four decades.

The filmmaker said he has long sought to showcase his collection of 150 years of populist art, which includes illustrations by Norman Rockwell and Maxfield Parrish, comics and digital technology.

Lucas, 69, said he doesn't have enough wall space at his 6,000-acre Skywalker Ranch in Marin County, so he wants to invest up to \$300 million of his own money to build the museum.

"At this scale, there's nothing that has ever been done like this," he said in a recent interview with the San Francisco Chronicle.

Lucas submitted a 20-page proposal to the Presidio Trust last week, one of 16 bids to occupy the former commissary

site at Crissy Field, the newspaper reported.

Lucas' obsession with visual art began when he was a child and would visit the M.H. de Young Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park.

He grew up in Modesto, where his family owned an office supply store and a walnut farm, but Lucas dreamed of being an illustrator. He loved adventure books and the era's popular magazines, which often featured Rockwell covers.

His art collection began with his first acquisition, an Uncle Scrooge comic book page by Carl Barks, for which Lucas said he paid \$25.

"As a popular artist, I hit the same chord with people that Rockwell hit, that Michelangelo hit, that the people who painted on caves in France hit," Lucas said. "I relate to art more as an emotional experience than as an intellectual experience."

If his museum bid is accepted, the Lucas Cultural

Arts Museum would receive a \$400 million endowment upon opening and another when he dies, he said.

In December, Disney acquired Lucasfilm Ltd., which is already housed in the Presidio, a one-time military base turned national park overlooking the San Francisco Bay and the Pacific.

Among the other proposals for the Presidio commissary site are a color lab that would allow visitors to explore what color means to them; a museum to honor former University of California, Berkeley chancellor Michael Heyman; or a space to focus on the New Deal's achievements in the wake of the Great Depression.

The trust is displaying all the bids on its website, where the public can comment on the proposals submitted for an economically viable "cultural institution of distinction" that would offer cross-disciplinary programs and engage the community.

## Man ordered to stay away from Alyson Hannigan

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A judge has ordered a New Hampshire man to refrain from posting anything online about Alyson Hannigan or to try to meet the actress.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Carol Boas Goodson issued a three-year restraining order against John Hobbs after a brief hearing Wednesday.

Hannigan stated in court filings last month that Hobbs has posted a barrage of threatening messages about her and her family online.

The filings state the 43-year-old acknowledged to police that he wanted to meet the 38-year-old star of "How I Met Your Mother"



Hannigan

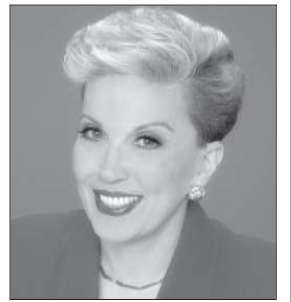
er" and "American Pie."

Goodson noted that Hobbs agreed to the terms of the restraining order and that Hannigan's husband and two children also should be protected.

The actress did not attend the hearing.

## Son in jail struggles to cope with dad's cancer diagnosis

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



**DEAR ABBY:** I am in a county jail for parole violation. I am an addict, which is why I'm in this not-so-welcoming environment. I accept full responsibility for being here because ultimately it was my actions that guaranteed me confinement in jail. I read your column every day and find hope within it.

I have been struck with some not-so-good news while here. On a recent visit with my parents I learned my mother, who suffers from a variety of health problems, can no longer work. My father, who must work to cover the cost of her medical care, has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

This is very difficult for me. My father is my absolute best friend. I have to be strong for my mother. I want to scream and cry and sometimes lash out, but my inner adult (I'm 26) tells me that would be immature.

I don't feel like I have come to terms with my father's illness. Although I know what is eventually to come, I have yet to feel any emotion, good or bad. I'm not sure if I'm blocking it or if I'm being the strong-willed adult I was raised to be by my father and best friend. I was never raised with the "men don't cry" or "be strong for your mother" concept. Am I repressing my emotions? And if so, is there anything I can do to start dealing with this?

*Dear Abby*

JUST ANOTHER INMATE IN PENNSYLVANIA

**DEAR JUST:** All people do not react to bad news in the same way—crying, screaming or lashing out. Some go numb for a period of time, until they are ready to process their emotions. Part of your problem may be that because you're incarcerated, you feel helpless.

Not knowing whether psychological counseling is available for prisoners in your jail—or how effective it is if it's offered at all—I'm recommending you discuss this with a chaplain. It would be a safe way to air some of the emotions you are struggling with. You have my sympathy.

■ ■ ■

**DEAR ABBY:** I am the mother of a "yours, mine and ours" family. Between us, my husband and I have six children. I have been "Mom" for his three children since the oldest was 6. Fifteen years have passed, and I raised all of them as my own. Because the stress of such a large family has taken its toll at times, I have said I couldn't wait until everyone was 18 and out of the house.

Three of the children are on their own now and three remain. The youngest is 14. I recently took my 18-year-old son to the Air Force recruiter to take his entrance test and as I watched him walk into the building, I started to cry. I realized I don't really want them to go away.

I have been a parent since I was 17, and now—at 40—I'm having a hard time imagining life without them. I'm afraid of having only my husband to keep me occupied. There has never been a time without kids around. I'm afraid it'll be like starting our relationship all over again, and he may not like what he sees. How can I get past the fear of not being needed or wanted anymore?

ALMOST EMPTY-NESTED IN VERMONT

**DEAR ALMOST EMPTY-NESTED:** Instead of allowing fear or anxiety to drag you down, look at the bright side. Your nest will be full for four more years—and if there is something about yourself that you see that YOU don't like, there is plenty of time to do something about it.

You are more than "just" a mother. Because your responsibilities as a parent have lightened, use the time to broaden your horizons and develop some mutual interests with your husband that you couldn't before. Sometimes we can be our own harshest critics—so be a little kinder to yourself and consider what I have said. It is heartfelt.

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### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### Disney working on standalone Star Wars movies

**PHOENIX (AP)**—Star Wars fans have more than just Episodes 7, 8 and 9 to look forward to. Disney CEO Bob Iger said at the annual shareholders meeting in Phoenix on Wednesday that the company is developing "some standalone movies" featuring Star Wars characters. The news is likely to set off a new round of speculation about what's in store for the Lucasfilm franchise. The buzz has been at fever pitch levels since The Walt Disney Co. said in October it was acquiring the studio for \$4 billion. Iger didn't say which characters might be featured in the standalone films. Some Star Wars characters such as bounty hunter Boba Fett have been given bigger treatments in comic books.

#### Bryan, Clarkson, Strait to perform at ACM Awards

**NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)**—Co-hosts Blake Shelton and Luke Bryan will perform during this year's Academy of Country Music Awards. The country cut-ups are among the first round of performers announced Wednesday for the annual awards show. They'll be joined by Shelton's wife, Miranda Lambert, George Strait, Hunter Hayes and The Band Perry. Pop star and former "American Idol" champion Kelly Clarkson, a two-time ACM winner in 2012 and a nominee this year, also will perform as she continues to increase her country profile since moving to Nashville. The ACM Awards will air live April 7. Eric Church is this year's top nominee with seven nominations. Hayes is next with six.

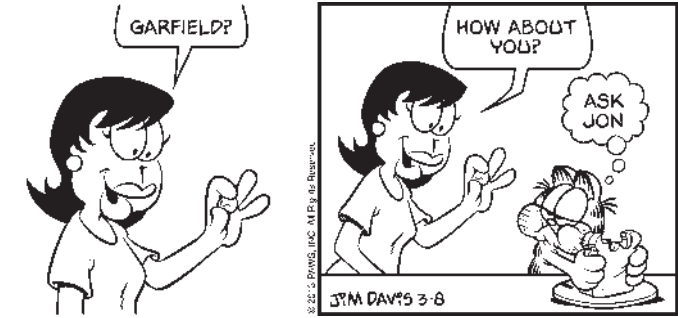
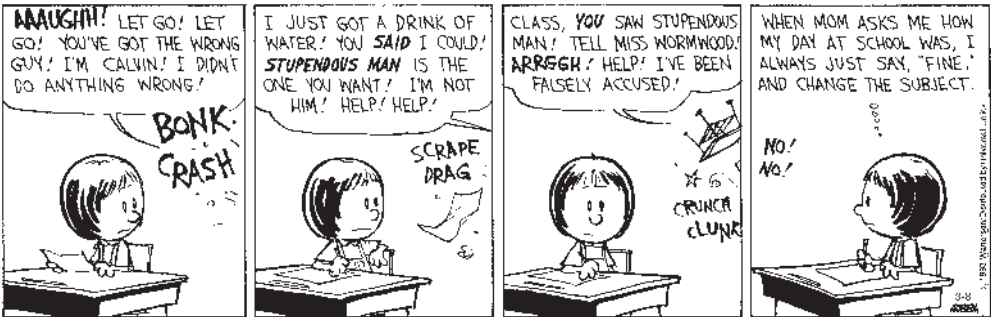


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Calvin and Hobbes

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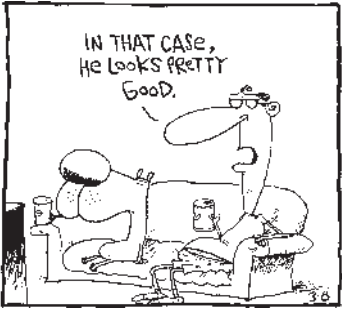
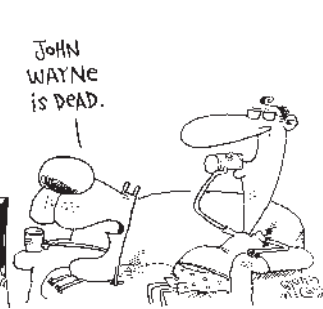
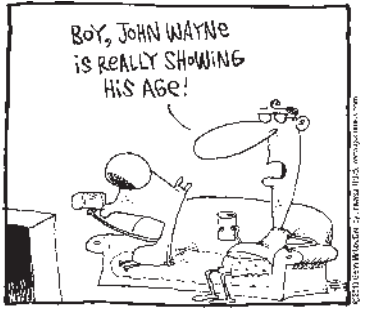
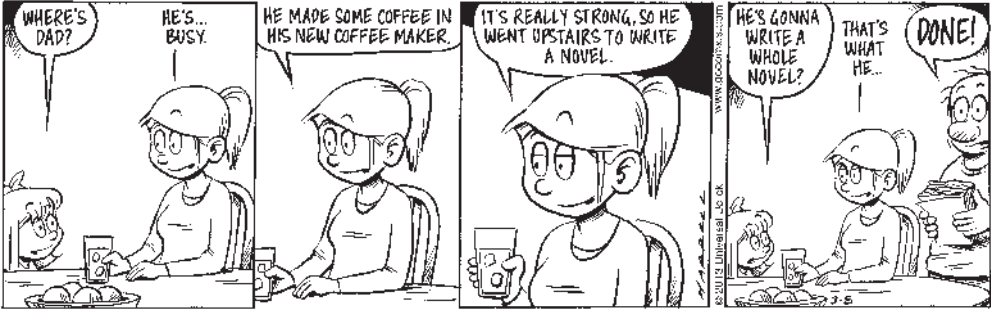
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1 Beavers' structure

4 Second letter

8 Wild and crazy

12 Indivisible

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14 Sheltered

15 Gin, e.g.

17 Grad rags?

18 First murderer

19 Iron

20 Suitor

22 Paddock parent

24 Long-running Broadway musical

25 Pheasant or grouse

29 Fuss

30 Dental filling

31 Ultra-modern (Pref.)

32 Back-yard attraction

**DOWN**

1 "What's up, —?"

2 Literary collection

3 16th-century cartographer

4 Start

5 Verve

6 Highland hat

7 Brewery

8 Capital of Croatia

9 Shaving cream

10 Information

11 Longings

16 Speaker's spot

19 Quarry

20 Wound cover

21 Gully

22 Soda shop

23 Asian nurse

25 Summer-time pest

26 Notorious

27 Ca-booze's place

28 Collegian quarters

30 Construc-tion piece

33 Gizmo

34 Winged

36 Garden intruder

37 3-Down's creations

38 Leering look

39 Adoles-cent

40 Luminary

42 "Hum-bug!"

43 Expert

44 Lingerie item

45 Conclu-sion

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

Yesterday's answer 3-8

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** James Van Der Beek, 36; Freddie Prinze Jr., 37; Camryn Manheim, 52; Aidan Quinn, 54.

**Happy Birthday:** Legal and financial concerns are apparent. You are best to face whatever comes your way head-on and with as little emotion as possible. It's important to stay in control and focus on looking out for yourself as well as those depending on you to make the right choices. Your strength and determination will be hard to beat. Your numbers are 5, 12, 16, 24, 30, 35, 42.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Reduce stress and refrain from letting anyone put pressure on you. An introspective look at who you are, what you have accomplished and where you want to go next will help you pave the way to a brighter future. Embrace change. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't let your emotions cloud your vision. You have everything in place and can reach your goals if you set your course and refuse to let anything lead you astray. Collaborating with someone exceptional will encourage you to excel. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't count on anything until it happens. Someone you count on will disappoint you. Prepare to compensate for the shortcomings or lack of experience you face due to an empty promise or exaggeration. False information is prevalent. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Step outside your comfort zone and you will be surprised at what you can accomplish. Challenges will prove that you are capable of making the most of any situation you face. Love

is on the rise and a romantic evening should be planned. ★★★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Emotions will spin out of control if you aren't willing to accept what transpires. Don't worry about what you cannot change. Put distance between you and those making you question what to do next; head in a direction that offers greater rewards. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Look for an outlet that will ease your stress. Spending time with someone you find comforting will help you relax. A work-related problem will be resolved if you take an innovative suggestion and apply it to your situation. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Find a destination or a plan that will guide you in a new direction. Learning, travel and experiencing something that will help you handle upcoming events should be considered. Interacting with others will encourage you to expand your interests. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't let the little things bother you. You have so much going for you that wasting time over trivial or petty remarks would be a travesty. Embrace love, life and everything that promises a brighter and happier future. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Make the necessary alterations at home that will ensure you have a comfortable place to hide out. Too much interaction with others will lead to meddling and a no-win situation that will leave you in an awkward position. ★★★★★

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Prepare to try something new. Attending a reunion or collaborating with people you haven't worked with in a long time will open up doors to future investments and opportunities. Love is highlighted, and making the first move encouraged. ★★★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Face each situation head-on. Reveal your true feelings. You may be faced with opposition, but in the end you will end up exactly where you want to be. It's a new day, and an opportunity for change is apparent. ★★★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Look beyond what others do or say. Know in your heart what you want and don't lose sight of your goals. You can stabilize your position and your financial security by making the right choice. Follow your heart. ★★★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are caring, strong, steadfast and determined. You are friendly and appealing.

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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**WONDERWORD®**

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

**DISH SOAP**

Solution: 6 letters

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B	P	O	S	N	S	L	N	O	S	C	E	N	T	A
G	W	A	S	H	E	T	N	S	D	I	U	Q	I	L

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Yesterday's Answer: You Again

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# James hits winner, Heat top Magic for 16th in row



**MIAMI (AP)**—LeBron James scored 26 points, including a go-ahead layup with 3.2 seconds left, and the Miami Heat scrambled late to beat the Orlando Magic 97-96 on Wednesday night and extend their franchise-record winning streak to 16 games.

Dwyane Wade scored 24 points and Chris Bosh added 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Heat, who blew a 20-point, second-half lead and then rallied from a five-point deficit in the final minutes.

Nic Vucevic had 25 points and 21 rebounds for the Magic, who got 16 points apiece from Jameer Nelson and Tobias Harris, 13 from Arron Afflalo and 12 from Maurice Harkless.

## Lakers 108, Hornets 102

In New Orleans, Kobe Bryant scored 13 of his 42 points during a 20-0 run in the last 6:22 of the fourth quarter, helping Los Angeles overcome a 25-point deficit to fend off New Orleans.

The Hornets were still ahead by 21 in the final minute of the third quarter when Greivis Vasquez's 3-pointer made it 93-72, and even after the Lakers had whittled their deficit to 12, the Hornets were up 102-88 after Robin Lopez's dunk with 6:47 to go. But the Hornets would not score again, and Bryant began to take over with a big assist from Jodie Meeks, who hit two of his five 3-pointers during the final surge to finish with 19 points.

Dwight Howard had 20 points, 15 rebounds and four blocks for Los Angeles. Bryant also had 12 assists.

Eric Gordon had 18 points, Vasquez added 15 points and Al-Farouq Aminu grabbed 16 rebounds for New Orleans.

## Celtics 83, Pacers 81

In Indianapolis, Kevin Garnett found Jeff Green all alone under the basket for a layup with 0.5 seconds remaining to finish off a fourth-quarter comeback from 14 points down, giving Boston the victory over Indiana.

Garnett led the Celtics with 18 points and 10 rebounds and dragged Boston back after it trailed most of the final three quarters. Green had 11 points off the bench.

Paul George scored 16 points for the Pacers, who had all five starters in double figures. David West added 11 points and 16 rebounds, and George Hill finished with 14 points.

## Spurs 101, Bulls 83

In San Antonio, Tim Duncan had 18 points and 10 rebounds, and San Antonio beat Chicago in a matchup of teams missing their starting All-Star point guards.

Manu Ginobili added 18 points and nine assists, Tiago Splitter had 13 points and 10 rebounds, and Kawhi Leonard scored 14 points for San Antonio, which was playing its second game without Tony Parker.

Patty Mills provided a needed punch off the Spurs' bench, scoring 10 of his 13 points in the second half.

Parker is expected to miss about four weeks with an ankle sprain and Derrick Rose has yet to play for Chicago this season after undergoing major knee surgery.

Marco Belinelli had 21 points, Luol Deng added 19, Marquis Teague had 11 and Carlos Boozer 10 for the Bulls.



Miami Heat's LeBron James (6) drives around Orlando Magic's DeQuan Jones (20) on his way to shooting the go-ahead layup with 3.2 seconds left in their NBA basketball game in Miami, Wednesday, March 6, 2013. AP

## Cavaliers 104, Jazz 101

In Cleveland, Kyrie Irving scored 20 points and made all the big plays down the stretch, rallying Cleveland to the victory over Utah.

The Cavs trailed 100-92 with less than three minutes left before Irving took over. He scored eight points, made a steal and assisted on Wayne Ellington's dunk as Cleveland stormed back to stun the Jazz.

Irving added 10 assists in his second game back after missing three with a hyperextended knee. Tristan Thompson had 16 points and 12 rebounds for Cleveland, which trailed by 12 in the fourth.

Gordon Hayward scored 25 and Enes Kanter had 17 for the Jazz, who have lost five of six.

## Nets 99, Bobcats 78

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Deron Williams had 20 points and eight assists, Joe Johnson added 22 points, and Brooklyn got a needed win after losing two straight and four of its last five.

The Nets trailed by 10 at the half, but opened the third quarter with a 21-6 run led by Williams and Johnson, and never looked back. The Bobcats managed just nine points in the third quarter on 3-of-19 shooting and were outscored 56-25 in the second half to lose their eighth straight game.

Reggie Evans grabbed 16 rebounds and Brook Lopez had 16 points and five rebounds for the Nets.

Rookie Michael Kidd-Gilchrist had 17 points and Ben Gordon added 16 for the Bobcats, who are 6-43 since starting the season 7-5.

## Hawks 107, 76ers 96

In Atlanta, Jeff Teague scored 27

points, Anthony Tolliver added a season-high 21 and Atlanta bounced back from a sluggish start to snap a three-game losing streak.

Tolliver, averaging just 3.4 points a game, had already surpassed his previous best of 13 points by halftime. The Sixers kept leaving him open beyond the arc, and he kept knocking down 3-pointers, finishing 5 for 7 from long range.

The Hawks missed their first eight shots but quickly pulled themselves together against weary Philadelphia, which was playing its eighth game in 12 days. Atlanta led by 19 before settling for a 59-47 lead at halftime.

Damien Wilkins led the Sixers with 21 points and Dorell Wright had 20.

## Knicks 87, Pistons 77

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Raymond Felton scored 26 points, and New York pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat Detroit despite Carmelo Anthony's absence.

Anthony sat out after injuring his right knee Monday, but New York went on a 16-0 run in the fourth to put away the game. The Pistons were without big man Greg Monroe, who has a sore left ankle, and Detroit coach Lawrence Frank missed the game because of a personal matter.

The Knicks turned the ball over 11 times in the first quarter, but they still led 44-38 at the half. Brandon Knight scored 17 points for the Pistons and led a third-quarter rally, but Detroit managed only 12 points in the fourth.

## Timberwolves 87, Wizards 82

In Minneapolis, Ricky Rubio had 15 points, 11 assists, seven rebounds and six steals to lead Minnesota to a victory over Washington that snapped a

six-game losing streak.

Derrick Williams added 16 points and seven rebounds for the Timberwolves, and J.J. Barea scored 10 of his 12 points in the fourth quarter.

John Wall had 19 points and seven assists, and Trevor Ariza added 16 points, seven rebounds and six assists for the Wizards, who were missing leading scorer Bradley Beal because of a sprained left ankle. Washington turned the ball over 24 times, leading to 30 points by Minnesota.

Washington led by eight early in the fourth, but Rubio's defense keyed a 21-9 surge by the Timberwolves over the final 9:30.

## Grizzlies 91, Trail Blazers 85

In Memphis, Tennessee, Marc Gasol had 23 points and 12 rebounds, and Jerryd Bayless scored all 13 of his points in the final 13 minutes to lead Memphis to its second straight win and 10th victory in the last 11 games.

Memphis rallied from 17 points down in the third quarter. Mike Conley scored 20 points on 7-of-11 shooting from the field and added six assists. Tony Allen scored 10 points, including two free throws with 4.8 seconds left that provided the final margin.

Damian Lillard scored 20 points on 7-for-11 shooting to lead Portland, and J.J. Hickson had 12 points and 13 rebounds.

Memphis was without leading rebounder Zach Randolph (left ankle sprain) and reserve forward Darrell Arthur (sore neck and back).

## Mavericks 112, Rockets 108

In Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki scored 22 points, O.J. Mayo had two big fourth-

quarter baskets and a career-high 12 assists, and Dallas bounced back from a blowout loss in Houston.

Mayo scored five straight points to put Dallas ahead 107-104, and the Mavericks won despite 28 points from James Harden, who scored the last seven for the Rockets.

Harden missed a 3-pointer and a layup with the Rockets trying to tie in the final seconds, three days after their 33-point win in Houston.

Chandler Parsons had 23 points for Houston, while Jeremy Lin scored 12 but sat the entire fourth quarter in favor of backup Patrick Beverley.

## Raptors 98, Suns 71

In Phoenix, DeMar DeRozan scored 15 points and Amir Johnson added 14 to lead Toronto to a victory over Phoenix that snapped a five-game skid.

Seldom-used Sebastian Telfair scored 13 points for the Raptors in his return to Phoenix.

Marcus Morris scored 12 points and was the only player in double figures for the Suns, who committed a season-high 29 turnovers and lost a three-game winning streak.

The Raptors led 25-22 late in the first quarter when Suns center Marcin Gortat came down with a rebound and had his left foot stepped on by Johnson.

Gortat did not return and Phoenix, already without backup Jermaine O'Neal, was left with Hamed Haddadi as the only true center available.

## Clippers 117, Bucks 101

In Los Angeles, Blake Griffin had 23 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists for his third career triple-double, and the Clippers won for the 10th time in 13 games.

Jamal Crawford had 25 points and Matt Barnes added 20, while Chris Paul had 14 points and nine assists to help the Pacific Division leaders improve to 24-7 at home.

Monta Ellis scored 18 of his 22 points in the first half and Ersan Ilyasova added 20 points for the Bucks, whose four-game winning streak ended as they fell to 1-12 in Los Angeles against the Clippers since the 2000-01 season. Brandon Jennings hit five 3-pointers for 18 points and 12 assists.

The Clippers opened the fourth quarter with a seven-point lead and quickly extended it to 108-91. Griffin capped the spurt with a thunderous dunk off Crawford's alley-oop pass.

## Warriors 87, Kings 83

In Oakland, California, Klay Thompson made the go-ahead 3-pointer with 7.5 seconds remaining and finished with 20 points to lead Golden State.

Thompson then forced Tyreke Evans into an errant layup on the final possession to seal a sloppy win for the Warriors over the Western Conference's worst team. After dropping the first two in Sacramento this season, Golden State overcame 18 turnovers and 36 percent shooting against its Northern California rival.

David Lee had 17 points and 10 rebounds, and rookie Harrison Barnes added 14 points for the Warriors, who are 2-0 since a four-game losing streak. They held the Kings to 40 percent shooting and forced 15 turnovers.

Jason Thompson had 17 points and eight rebounds, and Patrick Patterson added 15 points for Sacramento, which has lost 11 of its last 13 games.



## Teixeira out 8 to 10 weeks with wrist injury



**TAMPA, Fla. (AP)**—Mark Teixeira will be

out at least until early May with a strained right wrist tendon, the latest major injury setback for the New York Yankees.

New York general manager Brian Cashman gave the news Wednesday after the Yankees' were beat 8-2 by the Dominican Republic World Baseball Classic team on Wednesday.

"It's a tough loss," Cashman said.

Teixeira was hurt swinging a bat Tuesday in an indoor cage during pregame warmups with the U.S. WBC team. Initially, Teixeira was expected to be out eight to 10 days, but he was examined by Yankees doctors in New York on Wednesday and a prognosis of eight to 10 weeks was given.

Cashman, who broke his leg and dislocated his ankle in a skydiving accident Monday, says Teixeira will rest for four weeks before beginning rehabilitation. Teixeira will remain in New York, and not rejoin the team in Florida, to start his recovery program.

Cashman does not seem inclined to move Kevin Youkilis from third to first. Youkilis was signed in December to fill in for third baseman Alex Rodriguez, who will be out until at least the All-Star break after left hip surgery in January.

"Third base is very difficult,"

Cashman said. "First is always easier to fill than third."

Internal options at first include Dan Johnson. Cashman ruled out having designated hitter Travis Hafner playing in the field.

"We've got three or more weeks to go with what we have here, as well as evaluating what's elsewhere," Cashman said. "So, we'll just wait and see."

Cashman noted that this is normally not the time of year that big trades are made.

It's the second major injury for the Yankees during spring training this year. Outfielder Curtis Granderson broke his right forearm when he was hit by a pitch Feb. 24. He will also be sidelined until early May.

"People get hurt ... get hurt on our team, people get hurt on other teams," Yankees captain Derek Jeter said. "The good teams find ways to get it done, and that's what you're going to have to do."

Jeter is making progress toward playing in his first game since offseason ankle surgery. Although he has not run the bases full speed yet, Jeter went through an intensive defensive session Wednesday.

"I'm getting close," Jeter said. "I'm headed in the right direction. My ankle feels good. I'll be in there as soon as I can play. Whenever I'm able to do it, I'll do it."

Jeter expects to be ready for the regular-season opener April 1 against Boston.

"I'm not worried about Derek

Jeter at all," Cashman said. "He'll be ready when it counts. He's the least of our concerns."

Granderson has been cleared to increase his workouts and is set to start riding a stationary bike. Granderson said the team medical staff was happy with follow-up X-rays taken on Tuesday.

Right-hander Phil Hughes made 25 throws at both 60 and 90 feet during his third level ground throwing session after being sidelined two weeks by an upper back bulging disk. He is scheduled to make 10 pitches in his first mound session Saturday, and have a 25-pitch bullpen outing Sunday or Monday.

Hughes' status for opening day remains undetermined.

Reliever David Robertson, scratched from his outing Tuesday night due to an achy shoulder, will not make a two-day road trip Thursday and Friday. Left-hander Boone Logan, slowed by a tender elbow, expects to pay catch Thursday and throw off a mound this weekend.

CC Sabathia, the expected opening-day starter, and closer Mariano Rivera, have both been taking part in simulated games.

Sabathia, who had offseason left elbow bone spur surgery, is scheduled for another sim game Sunday. Rivera, coming back from knee surgery, could pitch in his first game Saturday.

Cashman said Rivera has returned home for a personal matter, and will rejoin the team Saturday.

## McIlroy says he won't quit again



**DORAL, Fla. (AP)**—Rory McIlroy offered another apology, a straightforward explanation and a pledge Wednesday that he will never again quit in middle of a round.

McIlroy faced the media for the first time since he abruptly walked off the golf course in the second round of the Honda Classic, telling reporters that his head was not in the right place and then issuing a statement that his sore wisdom tooth made it difficult to concentrate.

Turns out the wisdom tooth wasn't the whole truth, and the world's No. 1 player said, "It will never happen again."

"I think it was a buildup of everything," McIlroy said at the Cadillac Championship. "I've been putting a lot of pressure on myself to perform, and I've been working so hard and not really getting much out of it. That's just been the frustrating thing, and that's what happened."

"I just sort of let it all get to me."

McIlroy attributed his frustration to wanting to improve on his breakthrough season, when he won his second major at the PGA Championship, five tournaments around the world, money titles on the two biggest tours and established himself as the best player in golf.

But he dismissed suggestions that his new equipment deal added to the pressure.

The 23-year-old from Northern Ireland signed with Nike for what is said to be upward of \$20 million a year. He was introduced as Nike's latest global star with a glitzy laser show in Abu Dhabi, but his game fell apart quickly. He has missed the cut, lost in the opening round of the Match Play Championship and quit after 26 holes of the Honda Classic. That led to specula-

tion that he can't adjust to the new clubs.

"It doesn't make a difference what deal or what clubs I play. That's irrelevant," McIlroy said. "It's about me on the golf course, and the expectations and the pressure that I put myself under."

He also said his poor play has nothing to do with his relationship with tennis star Caroline Wozniacki.

"Just because I have a bad day on the golf course and Caroline loses a match in Malaysia, it doesn't mean that we're breaking up," he said with a laugh. "It's sport. And look, I'd rather keep my private life as private as possible. Everything on that front is great, and I'm looking forward to seeing her next week when she goes to Miami."

It was the first time McIlroy has been criticized, not only for quitting in the middle of the round but trying to disguise the reason as a sore wisdom tooth. He did say his lower right tooth has been bothering him, and that he would see his dentist in Belfast later this year.

"It wasn't bothering me enough to quit," he said.

This was about the frustration of not finding his swing and being exposed on the golf course with high scores.

And it led to a decision he wishes he could take back.

"No matter how bad I was playing, I should have stayed out there," he said. "I should have tried to shoot the best score possible even though it probably wasn't going to be good enough to make the cut. At that point in time, I was just all over the place. I saw red ... and it was a mistake and everyone makes mistakes and I'm learning from them. I guess for me, some people have the pleasure of making mistakes in private. Most of my mistakes are in the public eye."

"I regret what I did."



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# Favorites deliver in Sun Palace tourney

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The favored players in the singles division of the Sun Palace Hotel Singles and Doubles Badminton Competition 2013 lived up to expectations after winning their Week 2 matches at the TSL Sports Complex.

In the men's A singles match last Friday, Ferdie Arago outclassed Mario Diola in three games, 21-14, 10-21, 21-15, while in the women's A singles, Angie Ito and Hannah Choi swept separate foes.

Choi, who has won several singles championships in various Northern Marianas Badminton Association-sanctioned tournaments, downed Lani Bartolome after only two games, 21-13, 21-16. Ito, who

is Choi's perennial rival, also made short work of her opponent, topping Jen Savellano, 21-14, 21-18.

Choi and Ito recorded victories last Sunday and were joined on the winners list by

Havika Farro and Mykki Caracut, Son Jae Ok, Deether Edralin, Chris Hilario and Brandon Talania, Puy Macario and Joseph Santos, Mhark Apolinar, Mario Diola and Joel Ortega, Edwin Maratas and Alvin Alvarez, Lani Santos and Loida Ito, Jen Savellano, Daniel Shang, Jordan Pangelinan, Panapa Peteru and Celso Agui, Marlyn Montano and Cheng Saturno, Dianne Francisco and Jenny Lee, and Saliya Rajapaksh and Oh Im Bog.

Peteru and Saturno recorded twin wins last Saturday. Peteru won his men's C singles match

over Rommel Bartolome, 21-16, 8-21, 21-16, and then teamed up with Agui in slipping past K. Park and J. Che in the men's C doubles, 21-19, 16-21, 21-18. Saturno prevailed over teammate Montano in the women's B singles, 21-13, 18-21, 21-18 and the duo earlier won over Windy Fernandez and Annette Ta, 21-17, 21-6.

Montano and Saturno were

victorious, too last Saturday, thwarting Jen Savellano and Chris Obaldo, 21-11, 21-18.

Also posting victories after only two games were Rajapaksh and Oh, Francisco and Jexler Caranto, Diola and Joel Ortega, Hilario and Talania, Maratas and Alvarez, Kevin Park, Jen Savellano and Janelle Pangelinan, Arago and Macoi Aguda, Dick Guintu and Agui,

## RGA sets March qualifier this Sunday

The Refaluwasch Golf Association will hold its March qualifier this Sunday, March 10, at the Kingfisher Golf Links in Talafofo.

Show time is set at 11am with tee off scheduled an hour later at 12pm.

Green fee is \$30 and entry fee is also \$30. RGA membership fee is \$25.

The winner of the qualifier will have the score to beat heading into RGA's March Ace of the Month set before the month ends.

The winners of the club's last two ace of the month championships were Kim Soo (January) and John Rebuenog (February).

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course is marked properly and I know my way out here," the Australian added.

Sam Gardner is also familiar with the course, having won the race three times. But he is not counting much on his knowledge of the route, as he knows anything can happen this weekend. He added with Olivier (Marceau), Allen, and a three more pros here, he is facing a tough task of getting his fourth win.

"It will be hard to win again. It will be a closely fought race. May the best man win," said Gardner, who is praying for a crash-free race after colliding with a pedestrian during the bike race in the Philippines.

Marceau, also a former XTERRA Saipan, did not have troubles during the race. However, his problem came early, when his flight was delighted and he arrived in the Philippines only one day before the race kicked off. On Saipan, he had several days to settle in and he hopes these will be enough to give him a better finish in the Crown Jewel after falling to fifth in the Philippines and second to Allen in last year's XTERRA Saipan.

Jacqui Slack also placed run-



Pro triathletes, XTERRA Saipan officials, and DFS employees pose for a group photo during a turnover ceremony of DFS' \$5,000 donation for the 2013 XTERRA Saipan Championship yesterday at the DFS office in Garapan.

ner-up in last year's XTERRA Saipan and settled for fourth in XTERRA Philippines this year due to bike problems. Heading to this weekend's race, she is feeling better and eager for an improved finish.

"I am well rested and will go for a strong finish no matter what happens," Slack said.

Bucher is also leaning on her better conditioning, as she foes for her eighth women's crown.

"I am in best shape and came here early to have a longer prep-

aration. I know Jacqui, Mieke (Carey), Daz (Parker), and Carina (Wastle) are tough athletes and they will be a big challenge, but I am ready to put up a good fight, too," Bucher said.

### DFS, Coke donation

Meanwhile, the returning pros, newcomers Bradley Weiss, Rory Downie, and Hugo joined XTERRA Saipan race officials during two donation turnover ceremonies yesterday.

Gardner, Bucher, and Mar-

ceau went to Coca-Cola and Foremost warehouse with Taga, Inc. acting president Brad Ruszala, race director Bill Sakovich, and committee member Bobbi Grizzard to accept Coca-Cola and Foremost products that will be used for both XTERRA and Tagaman.

The newcomers, Allen, and Slack then joined the first group to DFS to receive the \$5,000 check presented by DFS assistant general manager for operations Ben Babauta.

## BLUE AYUYUS

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played well together and gave their best effort. We fell a little short in the end, but we showed a great improvement from the first two games and that is encouraging," team official Wes Bogdan said in an email sent to *Saipan Tribune* last Wednesday night.

After Bangladesh got an early goal off Mohammad Toklis Ahmed's shot in the second minute, the CNMI stepped up on defense and held the Tigers scoreless for more than 30

minutes. Bangladesh then got its second goal off in the 37th minute for a 2-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, the Blue Ayuyus were more aggressive on defense, as Bangladesh only found the back of the net past the 80th mark with Ahmed notching his second goal and defender Mohammad Linkon scoring seven minutes later.

Thirteen players suited up for the CNMI in its last game in the qualifier. The list includes goalkeeper Johann Noetzel and co-captains Trey Dunn and Joe Miller, Nick Swaim, Lucas Knech, Steve McKagan, Dan Westphal,

Yuki Adachi, Peter Loken, Bo Barry, and Dae Won Jeon, and substitutes Ruselle Zapanta and Jehn Joyner.

The team is returning to Saipan on Wednesday and despite dropping all its matches, the group is still in high spirit.

"The team's spirit is high. Visiting Nepal and learning what competitive football in Asia is really like is an experience that will never be forgotten. Coach Koo is proud of the efforts everyone gave. He said some of his goals for this competition were to make a good impression in our first Asian Football Confedera-

tion competition and to show the fans here in Nepal that we love football in the Northern Mariana Islands. He said we have achieved those goals and gained valuable experience from this competition," Bogdan said.

The team official also thanked their supporters who followed their games through the internet.

"We want to thank all those who posted information on the internet and sent emails. The Northern Mariana spirit was felt all the way to Nepal. We look forward to coming home and thank you for your support," he added.

Fernandez and Ta, Jae Ok Son and Young Sik Kim, J.P. Nopia and Jordan Pangelinan, and Lani Bartolome and Marlene Peraja.

Peraja and Bartolome's win last Saturday was against the mother-and-daughter pair of Loida and Angie Ito, 21-13, 21-19, a follow-up of their 14-21,

21-20, 21-15 triumph against the same duo last Friday. Peraja and Bartolome then missed twin wins last Friday after falling to Alma Ortega and Hannah Choi, 20-21, 9-21. Ten other matches were played last Friday with six of them won after only two games.

## GUALO RAI

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Boys dropped to a 6-3 record for a share of second place with the Chinatown and is followed by Maplas (4-3), JWS (2-4), ICS Shooters (3-3), Susuper (2-4), and Servitek and LD Prime, who hold similar 1-6 slates. The Top 2 teams after the elimination will move automatically to the semis, while the next four will battle for the two remaining Final Four slots. The last four squads will be booted out.

A 30-point explosion in the third quarter allowed Gualo Rai to cruise to victory, as it turned a 36-27 halftime advantage to a commanding 66-46 lead. Gualo Rai shot four triples in the third-quarter breakaway and had four players scoring more than three baskets apiece to stun the Sexy Boys.

Five Gualo Rai players went on to finish in double figures in their fourth win. Joseph Galulu had 20 markers, Mike Espinosa chipped in 15, Prince Factor added 12, and Marlou Ibanez and Justin Cayading contributed 11 each.

John Larot paced the Sexy Boys with his game-high 28 points. The Sexy Boys scored no more than 20 points in each quarter to give Gualo Rai control of the match and faltered on its comeback bid in the fourth despite connecting on four triples in the homestretch.

**Susupe 64, Servitek 53**  
In the second game, Susupe

kept its playoff hopes alive after beating Servitek (1-6). Susupe held Servitek to 20 points in the second half to improve to a 2-4 record and push Servitek to the exit door.

Servitek lost the match despite taking a 38-29 halftime edge. Mican Bintz drained 8 of his 12 points in the second quarter for Servitek, turning a 12-14 deficit to a 9-point advantage at the break.

Bintz was then held to a field goal in the third and the rest of his teammates struggled, too, while Juluis Tabado made 8 markers in that canto to put Susupe in the driver's seat, 48-45. Susupe hung on to the lead, as Servitek was limited to 8 points in the final canto.

### First Game

**Susuper 64** – Lansang 21, Tabamo 14, Diyco 8, Sevilla 6, De Belen 5, Cadag 4, Llagas 2.

**Servitek 53** – Bintz 12, Brennan 10, Salazar 7, Capuyon 6, Sebuu 6, Detera 4, Alvarez 2, Webb 2, Esconde 2, Villasan 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 14-14, 29-38, 48-45, 64-53.

### Second Game

**Gualo Rai 83** – Galulu 20, Espinosa 15, Factor 12, Ibanez 11, Cayading 11, Yap 5, Capuyon 4.

**Sexy Boys 75** – Larot 28, Tinio 17, Maranan 11, Ro. Deleon Guerrero 5, Abantar 4, Rosario 2, Daria 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 22-14, 36-27, 66-46, 83-75.

## IT&E

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SML action continues tonight at 6:30pm at Tan Ko Field with a makeup game between IT&E and the Angels.

The Fielders took a 2-0 lead in the first inning off a passed ball and an RBI single by Ricardo Dela Cruz, but the D-9ers fired back immediately in the ensuing frame and tied it back up.

Ninth batter Jeremy Atalig scored Robert Tudela and Martin Sablan with a two-out triple, but was nailed out at the plate trying to stretch it to a inside-the-park humdinger.

The D-9ers then took a brief 3-2 lead in the third inning after its leadoff speedster Isaiah Lizama singled on and scored off a wild pitch, but IT&E pulled ahead, 6-3, in the bottom of the fourth inning off a wave of five hits.

Jimmy Brel and Deron Flores both singled and scored off errors. Marvin Ngeskebei reached and scored of errors and Jordan

Pangelinan singled on and was delivered home off an RBI base smash by Juan Maratita.

IT&E's Shane Mendiola was tapped to relieve starter Brel at the start of the fifth inning and kept the D-9ers at bay for two frames as his team added another handful of runs to go ahead, 11-3.

The Fielders added two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning off a single and a double by Brel and Zack Flores before piling on three more runs in the sixth off errors and two hits. Pangelinan led off the sixth with a triple and scored off an error, while the other two runs came around off a two-RBI base knock by John Reyes.

IT&E's Elton Santos then stepped to the mound to start the seventh inning, but was relieved by Mendiola after running into some problems in the eighth exchange when the D-9ers sparked a late four-run rally after a brief break in the action due to a downpour.

IT&E went on to get one run back in the bottom portion and held strong in the final stand.



# 638 join 2013 Saipan Marathon



Six-hundred and thirty-eight runners joined the 8th Annual

Saipan Marathon last Saturday, underscoring the growing international draw of the event to this Pacific beach resort destination.

Runners from Japan, Korea, Guam, China, U.S., and the CNMI participated in the marathon, half-marathon, 10K, and 50K event. Over 600 participants and most of the winners hailed from Japan, alone, where the marathon is strongly promoted by popular Japanese comedian Kanpei Hizama.

A number of media were on island to cover the event, including Japan's *Running Style* and *Tarzan* magazines and production company Boom-Up for BS NTV station, as well as



Chiba Kazuto of Japan dons a Saipan-da costume for the half-marathon of the 8th Saipan Marathon last March 2. The event attracted 638 runners from six countries.

media outlets Gentlemen Korea and LEON Korea. New Balance will also produce an ad feature on the marathon in Japan. The estimated advertising exposure of these visiting media, not include pre-event publicity, is over \$500,000.

"Overall, the Saipan Marathon was an overwhelming success thanks to the continued support of our international and local sponsors, the local government, our over 60 volunteers, and the community, at large," said Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "We thank everyone for welcoming our runners and their friends and families and giving them a weekend to remember in Saipan."

Masataka Uchino (2:37:52) and Norie Furuya (3:10:18)

of Japan topped the men's and women's full marathon, respectively. Bamba Shingo (3:55:26) of Japan and Mamiko Oshima-Berger (4:11:02) of the CNMI ran the fastest in the men's and women's 50K. Charlie Epperson (1:21:09) and Terra Allen (1:48:00) of the CNMI finished first in the men's and women's half-marathon, respectively. Yonekura Tako (00:33:56) of Japan and Noriko Jim (00:44:55) of the CNMI shot first in the men's and women's 10K, respectively.

A number of celebrity runners also joined the event, including Sydney Olympics' silver medalist Eric Wainaina, Japanese elite runner Kazuyoshi Tokumoto, Japanese popular comedian group Total Tembos members Tomohiro Omura and Kensuke Fujita, and Japanese comedian Hiroaki Hamamoto. Participants were also treated to a free post-awards show by Yoshimoto Creative Agency.

Over 700 runners registered for the event, with 638 starting on race day.

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ana Athletics, Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management of Saipan, Department of Public Works, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. (Nursing Department), Northern Marianas College Nursing Department and School of Education, Division of Parks & Recreation, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Saipan Mayors Office, Hawaiian Rock Product, New Balance, Scalp D, ENEOS, Delta Air Lines, Runtomonet, Sports Authority, Power 99, KKMP, KSPN2, Kinpachi Restaurant, Islander Rent A Car, Nippon Travel Agency, Saipan Sea Ventures, Detry Pumping Service, Tasi Tours, Pacific Development Inc., Marianas High School, Docomo Pacific, IT & E, Saipan Southern High School, Marianas Tourism Education Council/MY WAVE, Mariana Resort & Spa, Aqua Resort Club, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Hafadai Beach Hotel, Fiesta Resort and Spa, Kanoa Resort Hotel, Saipan World Resort, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, American Red Cross, American Memorial Park, and Good Day. (MVA)

## Easy wins in Week 4 of spring league

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Five teams cruised to victories in Week 4 of the 2013 NMIFA Spring Youth League.

In the girls U15, Matansa Football Club shut out Shirley's FC, 3-0, last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Angelica Sally drilled a pair of goals for Matansa, while her sister Lyka Sally added one to give their team its third win in as many games. Shirley's fell to a 2-2 record.

In the other girls U15 match, Tan Holdings clobbered Paire FC, 6-1.

Chloe Salvosa made a hat-trick for Tan Holdings in the first half, scoring in the 17th, 24th, and 29th minute to lead the squad to its second victory. Tan Holdings' three other goals came from different players with Krizel Mae Tuazon getting her first goal of the season in the 58th minute and Mary Christine Alferos making it to the scoreboard, too, three minutes later. Brittany Wally gave Tan Holdings its sixth goal in the 77th minute.

Guinevere Borja canned the lone goal for Paire (0-3)

### BOYS U15 Matansa 9, Shirley's 1

Matansa posted the most lopsided



A Tan Holdings goalkeeper catches the ball during an earlier game in the boys U18 division of the NMIFA spring youth league at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

ed win last weekend after crushing Shirley's at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Ryu Tanzawa collected five goals to power Matansa to the big victory, while Terrence Belcher and Kenneth Mafnas chipped in two each. Tanzawa completed a hat-trick early, recording his first three goals in the first half (2nd, 22nd, and 35th minute) and Matansa closed out the first half with a

4-0 advantage after Belcher got his first goal in the 44th minute.

Tanzawa then opened Matansa's scoring in the second half with his back-to-back goals (51st and 54th), while Mafnas also nailed two straight goals (58th and 72nd), while Belcher earned his second in the 75th.

Saxian Bassic avoided a shutout for Shirley's when he lit up the scoreboard in the 48th minute.

### Paire 4, Tan Holdings 1

Paire had had an easier victory last weekend after dominating Tan Holdings.

Ivan Seo canned twin goals, while Billy Hinson and Joel Fruit contributed one apiece.

Emanuel Aniana scored the lone goal for Tan Holdings, as he drew first blood after finding the back of the net in the 14th minute. Paire then equalized six minutes later off Hinson's shot.

It was Paire's turn to log the first goal in the second half, courtesy of Seo's conversion in the 47th minute. Seo then got his second goal nine minutes later and Fruit also scored in the 70th, while Tan Holdings' offense went cold.

### BOYS U18 Paire 4, Tan Holdings 1

Paire was also victorious in its U18 match against Tan Holdings.

Again, Tan Holdings scored first off Dan Ibarra's goal in the 13th minute, but lost the lead and the game after allowing Paire to post two goals apiece in the first and second half.

Thomas Lee's goal in the 21st tied the match and Paire grabbed the upper hand after Jeff Palacios earned a goal 15 minutes later. Joel Fruit made it a 3-1 advantage with his goal in the 63rd and Lee completed the rout with a goal seven minutes before the match wrapped up.

## Pacific Games golf trials kicks off



The qualifying golf tournaments for the 2015 Pacific Games will start tomorrow at Coral Ocean Point.

Check-in time is set for 10am, while tee off is at 11am. This Saturday's tournament is the first of the five-series trials that will determine the composition of the CNMI Team to the Pacific Games. The 2015 Pacific Games will be held in Papua New Guinea from July 4 to 18 and coordinator Jess Wabol said they are looking to have five to

six players on the squad.

The next two qualifiers will be held on the west and east courses of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort, while the fourth and fifth will take place at the Kingfisher Golf Links and Marianas Country Club, respectively. Dates for the last four qualifiers will be announced later. Scores will be compiled after the five qualifying tournaments to determine the rankings of the players and select the members of the CNMI Team.

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## XGA February Ace tomorrow

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The Xclusive Golfers Association is holding its February Ace of the Month Tournament tomorrow at the Kingfisher Golf Links. Show time is set for noon with a 1pm tee off.

The winner qualifies to compete for the group's coveted Ace of Aces title in its season-ending event on January 2014.

This month's winner joins reigning 2012 Ace of Aces champion and 2013 January Ace winner Ki So Kim as qualifiers into the Ace of Aces Tournament.

The February event was postponed due to some members' participation in a separate fundraiser golf tournament to help a good cause.

Since its inception, the XGA has been known to support nu-

merous activities in the community such as the local Little League program and has coupled some of its event's in the past to benefit students and people in need of off island medical referrals.

The XGA is made up of about 30 members, and contrast to its name, the club is open to the public and anyone is welcome can join.

The group is currently accepting new members and has reduced its annual membership fee for newcomers from \$30 to \$50; renewal for returning members is \$25; club polo shirts are also available for only \$25.

On the day of events, players are also required to foot a green fee along with an added modest charge that goes toward the awards banquet, prize money, and incentives for the club.

For more information, contact XGA secretary J.J. Cabrera at 287-9478 or Gerald Guerrero at 285-4153.

## 2013 Mahi Fishing Derby set for March 16



The Saipan Fishermen's Association will hold the 9th Annual Budweiser Mahi Fishing Derby on March 16 from Smiling Cove Marina. The derby will start promptly at 6am and will conclude at 5pm the same day.

Organizers expect between 30 to 40 boats and over 100 anglers this year. First to fifth

place winners will be awarded. The registration fee is \$100 for one captain and three crewmen, with \$25 assessed for each additional angler. Pre-registration is set for March 15 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at the Smiling Cove Marina weighing station. Derby officials from the SFA will briefly explain the rules and regulations of the competition.

Spectators are invited to see

the day's catch as fishermen begin returning to Smiling Cove

Marina at approximately 4pm on March 16. Event organizers are reminding participants that no catch will be weighed in and entered after the 5pm deadline. The awards party will immediately take place after the derby at Smiling Cove Marina starting at 6pm.

Interested applicants may

pick up registration forms, rules and regulations, and schedule of events at the Marianas Visitors Authority office or download via the MVA Calendar of Events under the event date at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

For more information about the derby, contact Ed Diaz at MVA at 664-3200/01 or via e-mail at [ediaz@mymarianas.com](mailto:ediaz@mymarianas.com). (MVA)





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## Pros all set for XTERRA Saipan



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Powerade, the title sponsor of XTERRA Saipan and Tagaman, will be the exclusive sports drink of the twin triathlons dubbed, "Powerade Saipan Sports Fest." Coca-Cola Beverage Co. (Micronesia), Inc. and Foremost Foods Saipan operations manager Rusty M. Loyola, third left, and sales supervisor, Gerry Hemley, second right, yesterday led the handover of Coca-Cola and Foremost products to Taga, Inc. acting president Brad Ruszala, committee member Bobbi Grizzard, and race director Bill Sakovich at the Coca-Cola and Foremost warehouse. They are joined by pro athletes, 2012 XTERRA Triple Crown Champion Renata Bucher, left, five-time XTERRA Saipan champion Olivier Marceau, and three-time XTERRA Saipan Champion Sam Gardner. Subway, Glimpses Publications, Glimpses Advertising, and Foremost Scoops are the other sponsors of XTERRA and Tagaman.

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Defending champions Ben Allen and Renata Bucher and the other pros are all set for the 2013 Saipan Championship, looking for a close and mishap-less competition in tomorrow's race.



winning XTERRA Philippines last week.

Allen took the first leg of XTERRA Asia's Triple Crown despite losing the lead to Dan Hugo in the run leg and getting a wrong direction from a race marshal.

"That (wrong turn) will not happen again here on Saipan, as the

"I confident on having a strong race here as I trained really well for XTERRA Saipan. I fully respect my competitors, this is a strong field so it will be an open race for everyone," said Allen, who is the man to beat in the men's division after

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## Blue Ayuyus complete AFC debut

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The CNMI Men's National Team played their best and last game in the Asian Football Confederation 2014 Challenge Cup Qualifiers last Wednesday night, limiting Bangladesh to only four goals.

The Bengal Tigers' four goals were the least the Blue Ayuyus allowed in the entire Group D tournament held at the Dashrath Stadium in Kathmandu, Nepal. Against the host, the CNMI gave up six goals, while group winner Palestine gained nine goals versus the Blue Ayuyus.

"The game against Bangladesh was our best. The team



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CNMI Men's National' Yuki Adachi, center, kicks the ball, while teammate Joe Miller looks on during their game against Bangladesh in the Asian Football Confederation 2014 Challenge Cup Qualifiers last Wednesday night at the Dashrath Stadium in Kathmandu, Nepal

## Gualo Rai secures playoff seat

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Gualo Rai notched a playoff berth in the Division B of the 2013 DLX/Anchor Strong Invitational Basketball League after pulling off an 83-75 upset over

second-running Sexy Boys last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Gualo Rai now has a 4-4 record with one game left in the regular season and is in fifth place, based on the unofficial team standings, which shows Adobo in first place with a perfect 7-0 record. The Sexy

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Gualo Rai's Justine Cayading, seen here going for a layup against at LD Prime defender, scored 11 points in their upset win over the Sexy Boys in the DLX/Anchor Strong caging last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

## IT&E Fielders topple D-9ers, 12-7

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The IT&E Fielders held on to defeat the D-9ers, 12-7, in Monday's Saipan Major League Baseball Association matchup held at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Saipan Stevedore Co. Northern Yankees (4-0) still maintains a strong hold on first place in the standings though IT&E bumped up to second place with the win ahead of Tan Holdings Brewers (2-2), the St. Michael's Medical Response Angels (1-2) and D-9ers. Five teams make up the field.

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IT&E Fielders' John Reyes jumps safely back to second base during a pickoff attempt in Monday's SMLBA matchup against the D-9ers held on Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.